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Maryland Department of Transportation

April 6, 2004

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve
Maryland House of Delegates
313 Lowe House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear ~~Delegate Barve:~~ *Kumar*

This letter is a follow-up to recent discussions between Ms. Mary Scholl, of your staff, and Ms. Linda Singer, Legislative Liaison for the State Highway Administration (SHA), regarding noise issues in the West End Park and Falls Ridge communities adjacent to I-270 in Rockville. I am pleased to respond to your inquiry.

There are two different issues regarding these communities. The situation with West End Park is that the environmental analysis, including noise studies, performed in the mid-1980s for the widening of I-270 did not anticipate the noise levels that are currently being experienced in the community. At that time, our analysis concluded that noise levels generated by traffic on I-270 would not exceed the impact threshold and, therefore, a sound barrier was not constructed with the improvements. According to our latest information, however, noise levels now do exceed the impact threshold but, unfortunately, SHA does not have a method by which to provide a sound barrier as a solution.

When an analysis for a highway improvement is conducted, it is based upon the best available information that can be gathered at the time of the analysis. The assumptions used in the noise analysis were accurate for the time. As years have passed, and noise generating data has been updated, we now know that greater volumes of traffic will generate more noise than was thought to be possible at that time. However, it would be infeasible for SHA to revisit every environmental document prepared since we began to prepare environmental analyses in 1970, to see if similar situations exist. In addition, we do not have the funding available to either restudy those environmental documents or to even provide sound barriers for this or other similar situations that might exist. We feel that the analysis performed was accurate at the time and, therefore, we do not feel we can offer a sound barrier for the West End Park community.

My telephone number/toll-free number is **410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770**

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At Falls Ridge, the issue is the date of the construction of the community as it relates to eligibility for our sound barrier program. At the time that the environmental analysis was performed for the expansion of I-270, there were no homes yet built in this area, therefore, a sound barrier was not considered. A sound barrier cannot be considered now that the community exists, because the homes were built with the knowledge that I-270 already existed. Therefore, the responsibility for noise control rested with the developer.

Thank you for your continuing interest in transportation issues in your area. We regret that we cannot offer you a more positive response. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640, 1-888-375-1975, or cadams@sha.state.md.us. He will be happy to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
Ms. Nanette Schieke, State Legislative Officer, MDOT
Ms. Linda Singer, Legislative Liaison, SHA
Ms. Mary Scholl, Legislative Assistant to Delegate Kumar Barve
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering,
Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, SHA

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bcc: James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Ms. Nicole Ross, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor



Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

August 23, 2004

The Honorable Gail H. Bates
306 Lowe House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Dear ~~Delegate Bates~~: *Gail*

Thank you for your recent letter to Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, regarding a follow-up noise level study for the Toll House community along northbound US 29 after the installation of sound barriers along southbound US 29 between MD 99 (Frederick Road) and MD 100 in Howard County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your request.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers in two circumstances, designated "Type I" and "Type II." In "Type I" situations, barriers are considered when a new highway is being built or an existing highway is being expanded. At this time, we have no plans to further improve this portion of US 29 that would warrant a Type I sound barrier evaluation. However, the Toll House community is currently being evaluated for Type I noise abatement in conjunction with the most recent widening of US 29 in this area.

Generally, reflections from a single barrier to an area on the opposite side of the highway will not contribute more than 3 decibels to the overall noise level. This is the theoretical maximum, based on a doubling of the source strength (meaning the reflected noise is as strong as the direct noise from the highway). A 3-decibel increase is imperceptible to the average person. Further, the noise that reflects from a barrier is always somewhat less than the direct noise because, as sound travels, it loses intensity, and because the air and surrounding terrain also absorb noise. We therefore believe that any reflected noise, which the new barrier on the west side of US 29 might contribute to the overall levels of highway noise, would not be perceptible to an average person on the east side of US 29. Even so, we included an absorptive surface on the highway side of the proposed barrier. This will eliminate reflection of noise to the opposite side of the highway and the residences on Manahan Drive and Ruppert Court.

In light of the information detailed above, and given the natural increase in traffic that is occurring as a result of the widening of US 29 that has now been completed, it would be difficult to isolate any noise that may be reflected from the new barriers on the west side of the highway. We do not, therefore, believe that such a study (noise measurements and modeling), which could cost \$30,000 to \$50,000, would be an appropriate use of the State's limited financial resources.

The Honorable Gail H. Bates
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Thank you again for your letter and your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640, 1-800-446-5962, or cadams@sha.state.md.us. He will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
Ms. Carolyn L. Staples

The Honorable Gail H. Bates
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bcc: Ms. Karen Arnold, Environmental Analyst, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, SHA
Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, Director of Communications, SHA
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. Joseph Kresslein, Assistant Division Chief, Project Planning, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, SHA
Ms. Nicole Ross, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA
Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA
Mr. Robert L. Fisher, District Engineer, SHA

Serial #: None

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Responding to letter dated: Follow-up to 08-11-2004 letter from Del. Bates to Mr. Charles Adams; Del. Bates wrote:

"During our road tour, I asked that a sound study be done following installation of sound barriers on the west side of Route 29. I am interested to see if there is a bounce back and an increase in noise to the east side of the highway.

"Thank you so much for investigating this matter, and I appreciate your efforts concerning our local traffic. Please keep me informed regarding the test and results."

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GAIL H. BATES
Legislative District 9A
Howard County

Appropriations Committee



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The Maryland House of Delegates

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1991

August 11, 2004

Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director
Office of Environmental Design
707 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mr. Adams:

During our road tour, I asked that a sound study be done following installation of sound barriers on the west side of Route 29. I am interested to see if there is a bounce back and an increase in noise to the east side of the highway.

Thank you so much for investigating this matter, and I appreciate your efforts concerning our local traffic. Please keep me informed regarding the tests and results.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Bates".

Gail H. Bates
Howard County District 9A

cc: Ms. Carolyn L. Staples

- 1- SB bar to have absorptive surface
- 2- follow road along water bar
in conclusion due to water ground &
traffic -
- 3- not on for w/Type-I local - US 29
water

TEAMWORK

Jim: Please contact
her office and determine
where she is referring to.

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Tuesday, August 17, 2004 08:42 AM

Admin

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8693	Manahan Drive	HO	Ellicott City	21043-5439	private	
Elected Official whom has communicated directly to us on this custome						Find Next
DAY PHONE	HOME PHONE	E-Mail address	COMMUNITY	HDR Dbase Link		
301-827-5274	410-?		Bluffs at Ellicott Mills / Toll House / Keywa			
Logical Project Limits	ROADWAY: US 29	BarrierName				
RESPONSE	INQUIRY	2nd Contact				
described Type I & II criteria; comm postdates; Columbia Hill meets Type II; if any improv, would be Type I		Why does her comm not qualify for a barrier when comm across road is getting one?		Ken P		
Last Contact	Researcher	Primary SHA Contact				
07/01/2004	Ken P	Natalie				
FILE LOCATIO	OTHER	Current committmen	none - send Comm Resource Guide			
Do we owe a letter?	Letter Commit due date	05/18/2001				
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LAST action	7-1-04 Ms. Staples called; spoke w/Nicole Ross; wants to know why comm does not qualify for a barrier while comm across road (View Top et al) is getting a barrier.					
Comments: This field can not be sorted or searched.: OPPE or Hwy rep.current type 1 inf						
06-01-01Info.provided by phone by KDP on 6/1/01 included cumulative effects analysis approach, how & when measurements are done, traffic volumes used in studies, atmospheric effects. 05-08-2001 Ms. Staples called and spoke W/Natalie KDP returned call to Ms.S. Fri.6/1 based on referral from Natalie H.on this day. Answered tech.'s re: 5/29/01 letter.						
All Elected Officials: 07-2004 EO's Dist. 9A Sen. Robert H. Kittleman; Dels. Gail H. Bates; Warren E. Miller, HO Cnd Christopher Merdon						
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Account Identifier: District - 02 Account Number - 322315

Owner Information

Owner Name: STAPLES CAROLYN L Use: RESIDENTIAL
Principal Residence: YES
Mailing Address: 8693 MANAHAN DR Deed Reference: 1) / 5052/ 291
ELLICOTT CITY MD 21043-5439 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address
8693 S MANAHAN DR
ELLICOTT CITY 21043

Legal Description
LOT 26 .0390 A
8693 MANAHAN DR
TOLL HOUSE S 2 RSB LOT 3

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:	7511
24	18	1183					26	82	Plat Ref:	

Special Tax Areas Town Ad Valorem Tax Class A/V, METRO FIRE TAX

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1989	1,360 SF	1,700.00 SF	
Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
2	YES	CENTER UNIT	SIDING

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2003	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2004	As Of 07/01/2005
Land:	36,000	66,000		
Improvements:	102,880	118,170		
Total:	138,880	184,170	169,072	184,170
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

Seller:	Date:	Price:
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Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: / 5052/ 291	Deed2:
Seller: GRAYSON HOMES INC	Date: 06/27/1989	Price: \$130,795
Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: / 2019/ 199	Deed2:
Seller: HEALY JOHN P TRUSTEE	Date: 01/20/1988	Price: \$0
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: / 1776/ 92	Deed2:

Exemption Information

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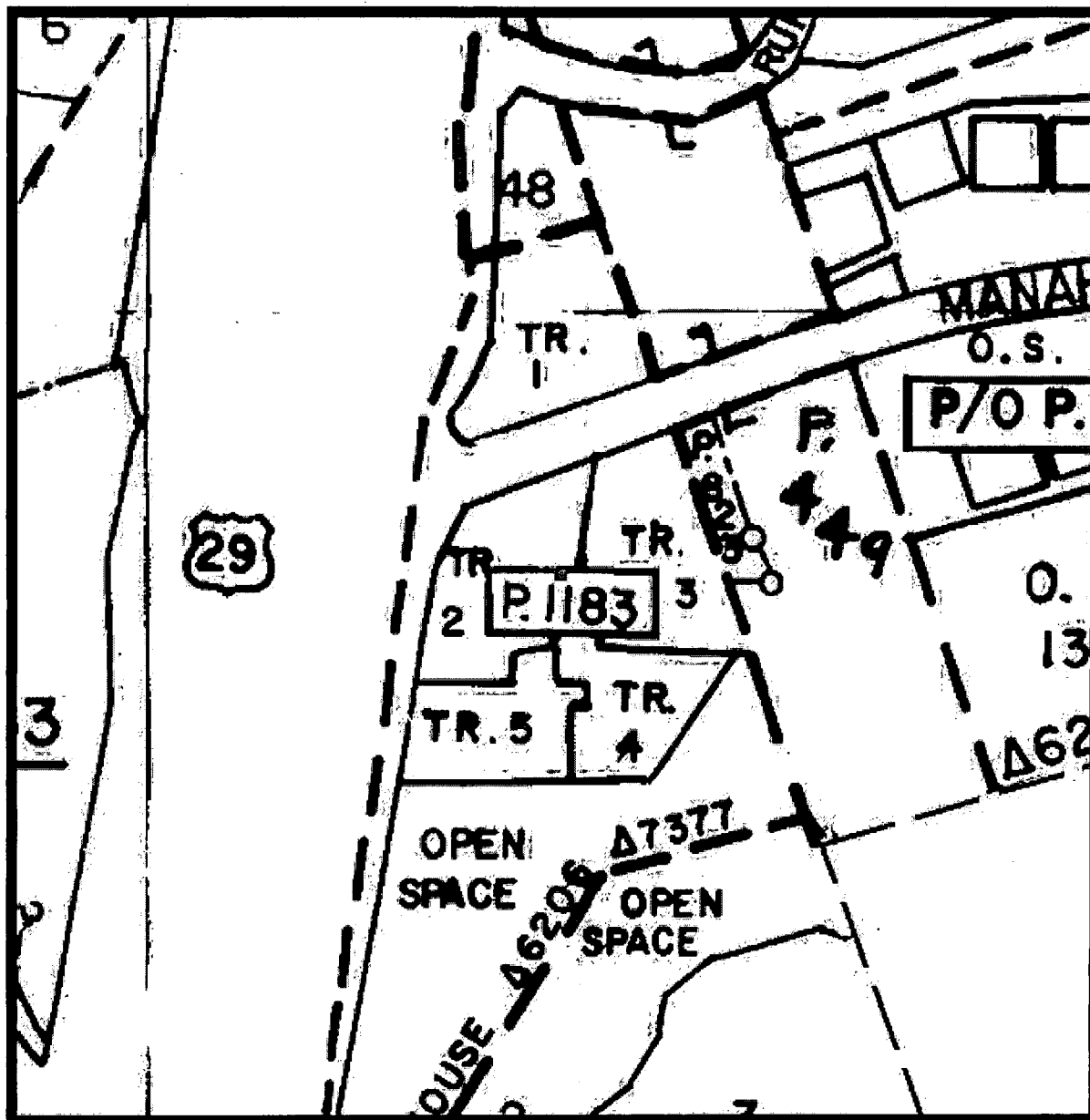
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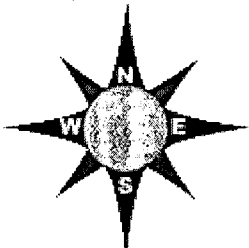
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ORIGINATED BY: C.B. ADAMS
SENIOR MANAGER

CHECK ONE:

RESPONSE TO: LETTER ☒ FOLLOW UP ☐
PHONE CALL ☐ OTHER ☐

DATE RECEIVED BY ORIGINATING OFFICE: _____

RECEIVED FROM: Del. Gail H. Bates

SUBJECT: response to 8/11/04 letter to
C.B. Adams RE: TOLL HOUSE
column on NB US 29

PLEASE FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR THE
ADMINISTRATOR'S STAFF

IS THERE A DEADLINE BY WHICH ADDRESSEE SHOULD RECEIVE THIS DOCUMENT?
YES ☒ NO ☐

IF YES, GIVE DEADLINE DATE: 08/25/04

REASON FOR DEADLINE: _____

HAS NEIL, A DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, OR MDOT STAFF APPROVED THIS LANGUAGE?
YES ☐ NO ☒ IF YES, WHO? _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO ADMINISTRATOR'S STAFF: _____

YOUR CONTACT PERSON AND PHONE: J. HADG X 8599

MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE ORIGINATING OFFICE

PREPARED BY: T.E. SEVERE REVISED BY: _____
TYPED BY: T.E. SEVERE PROOFED BY: J. HADG/N. ROSS/
FOLLOW-UP DUE: _____
APPROVED BY: _____
DATE PHONE

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor
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Maryland Department of Transportation

February 12, 2004

The Honorable James Brochin
Senate of Maryland
221 James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Brochin:

This is a follow-up to your letter of last fall to Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, regarding a sound barrier for the Seminary Roundtop Apartments. As we previously indicated, this area does not meet the qualifications for our Type II sound barrier program, given its development after the construction of I-83. We have, however, reviewed the situation and have determined that, with the expansion of the highway to provide a continuous auxiliary lane to Timonium Road, and the resulting removal of the vegetative buffer, there has been a negative visual impact on the apartment community.

As a result, we are prepared to move ahead with a project that would construct a wall that would be shorter than a full sound barrier. This wall will be an extension of the sound barrier that is being built as part of the highway widening project. The extension will be 12 feet high and will extend, from the barrier's present terminus, in a southerly direction to the Seminary Avenue overpass. This should provide some visual relief. This extension will be completed with the current contract. We understand that the owner of the property will provide landscaping adjacent to our right-of-way to establish an additional buffer.

Thank you for your interest in this issue. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640, 1-888-375-1975 or cadams@sha.state.md.us. He will be happy to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: ✓ Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. David J. Malkowski, District Engineer, SHA

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bcc: Ms. Nicole Ross, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration
Ms. Frances Ward, Community Liaison, State Highway Administration

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SENIOR MANAGER

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Seminary Roundtop Apartments

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PLEASE FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR'S STAFF

IS THERE A DEADLINE BY WHICH ADDRESSEE SHOULD RECIVE THIS DOCUMENT?
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IF YES, GIVE DEADLINE DATE: 2/13/2004

REASON FOR DEADLINE: Sen. Brochin's request

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YES ☐ No ☐ IF YES, WHO? _____

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	DATE _____ PHONE _____
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Noise Team -

I e-mailed
the electronic
version to

Ted, Nicole & Jim

Gene

February 10, 2004

The Honorable James Brochin
Senate of Maryland
221 James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Brochin:

This letter is a follow-up to your letter last fall to Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, regarding a sound barrier for the Seminary Roundtop Apartments. As you are aware, this area does not meet the qualifications for our sound barrier program, given its development after the construction of I-83. We have, however, reviewed the situation and have determined that with the expansion of the highway to provide a continuous auxiliary lane to Timonium Road that the construction has resulted in a negative visual impact upon the apartment community.

We are prepared to move ahead with an extension of the project at a height of twelve feet (12') from the present terminus in a southerly direction to the Seminary Avenue overpass. This, we feel will provide some visual relief resulting from the removal of the vegetative buffer that existed prior to construction. This extension will be completed with the current contract. We understand that the owner of the property will be providing landscaping adjacent to our right of way to establish an additional buffer. Both of these actions should result in an improved atmosphere within this community.

Your interest in this issue and your support on behalf of the community is appreciated. If you have any questions, please let me know or feel free to call Mr. Adams at 410 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Neil J. Pedersen
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design
Mr. James D. Hade, Team Leader, Noise Abatement Team
Mr. Dave Malkowski, District 4 Engineer

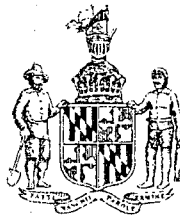
JAMES BROCHIN
STATE SENATOR

42nd Legislative District
Baltimore County

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November 13, 2003

Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director
Office of Environmental Design
State Highway Administration
707 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: Country Club Park Sound Barrier

Dear Mr. Adams:

I am writing you regarding your correspondence dated October 16, 2003 with Apartment Services, Inc. concerning the Country Club Park sound barrier. I recently visited the site in question, Seminary Roundtop Apartments, which according to your letter does not qualify to have the sound barrier extend past its property to Seminary Avenue. I met the owner of the aforementioned property in the leasing office, which is located across from I-83. As trucks and passing traffic went by, the noise level was remarkably loud. There was a considerable vibration as the trucks passed.

Apartment Services, Inc. is requesting that the above referenced sound barrier be extended past its property southward to Seminary Avenue. This would be an extension of 250 feet of sound barrier wall. I understand that the Seminary Roundtop Apartments does not meet the state's criteria they were built after 1962, the opening of I-83, but given the noise disturbance, I believe this area warrants a sound barrier.

I respectfully request you investigate this matter fully before making a final decision. I would be happy to arrange an on-site meeting for you, or your staff, to take measurements of the current decibel level.

Please do hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James Brochin", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Senator James Brochin

Cc: Carl Julio
The Honorable Paula Hollinger

SEMINARY APARTMENT COMPANY

216 SCHILLING CIRCLE
HUNT VALLEY, MARYLAND 21031
410-666-6000
(FAX) 410-666-1080

November 13, 2003

Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director
Office of Environmental Design
State Highway Administration
707 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: Country Club Park Sound Barrier

Dear Mr. Adams:

We have reviewed the information that you sent to Apartment Services, Inc. as part of your letter dated October 16, 2003. Even though your letter states criteria for constructing sound barriers and cites reasons why our Seminary Roundtop Apartments property does not qualify, we are convinced that the above referenced sound barriers should be extended southward from its planned terminus, to Seminary Avenue for the following three reasons.

1. In order to accommodate the ever-increasing volume of traffic entering I-83 from I-695, a new lane is being constructed in front of our Seminary Roundtop Apartments. How far this new lane continues does not change the fact that there will be four lanes of traffic in front of our property, instead of three, which will add to the noise level. By the time traffic from westbound I-695 passes the Seminary Avenue overpass, and immediately our property, acceleration is well underway and will continue as drivers, who still have several thousand feet of merge distance, look ahead for a safe merge into the through traffic lane. Except in times of congestion, mostly at rush hour, this lane as it passes Seminary Avenue, will be similar to one of the through lanes when compared for volume and speed. We do not understand how your distinction of "auxiliary lane" and "through-capacity lane" changes this fact.
2. This part of I-83 Northbound, in front of our property, has a much higher noise decibel level than normal. This is true due to the large number of trucks leaving I-695 at reduced speeds, due to the curves in the road. As these trucks leave the curves and head up the gradual incline toward Timonium Road, the acceleration noise heard at Seminary Roundtop Apartments is deafening.

Adams

November 11, 2003

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3. Your letter states that Seminary Roundtop Apartments does not qualify for the sound barriers because it was constructed in 1972 after the 1962 opening of I-83. A sound barrier is being constructed along the southbound lanes from Seminary Avenue northward toward Timonium Road. This sound barrier is Longford North. Baltimore County records show that the housing along the west side of Southbound I-83 was constructed after the 1962 opening of I-83. The accompanying record plats show Meadowland Plat One recorded May 28, 1962 and Plats Two and Three recorded September 18, 1964.

I am writing to request a meeting in order to discuss our differences of opinion regarding the right and need for this extension of the Country Club Park Sound Barrier.

Very truly yours,



Carl T. Julio

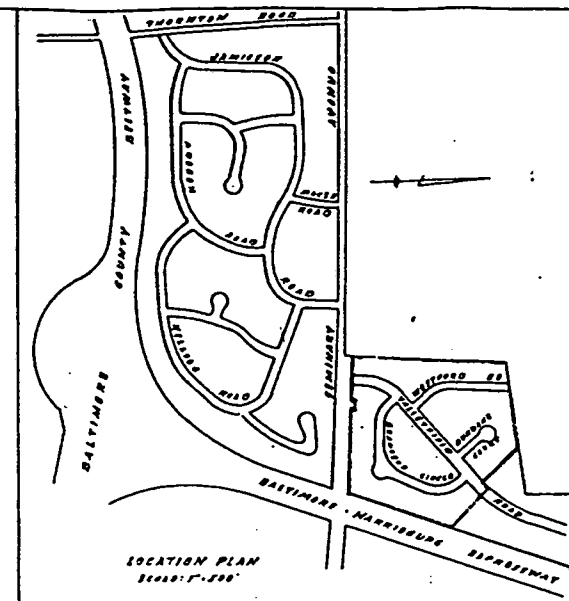
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Enclosures

cc: The Honorable James Brochin, Member, Senate of Maryland
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The Honorable Jon S. Cardin, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Dan K. Morhaim, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Robert A. Zirkin, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
Mr. David J. Malkowski, District Engineer, State Highway Administration
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105	7.76252	2.47121	10.825	1.437	1.360	10.825
110	7.76252	2.47121	10.825	1.514	1.437	10.825
115	7.76252	2.47121	10.825	1.591	1.514	10.825
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125	7.76252	2.47121	10.825	1.745	1.668	10.825
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Paul L. Brown
#12, #13, 1412



LEGEND:

Bottom of plot above floor: _____

Quantity of seeds shown floor: _____

1st lowest shown floor: _____

2nd numbers shown floor: 15 _____

Next numbers shown floor: 2200 _____

Other numbers shown floor: ② _____

Confined numbers shown floor: 20 _____

Reservoirs for electric & drainage shown floor: =====

Tell me how shown floor: _____

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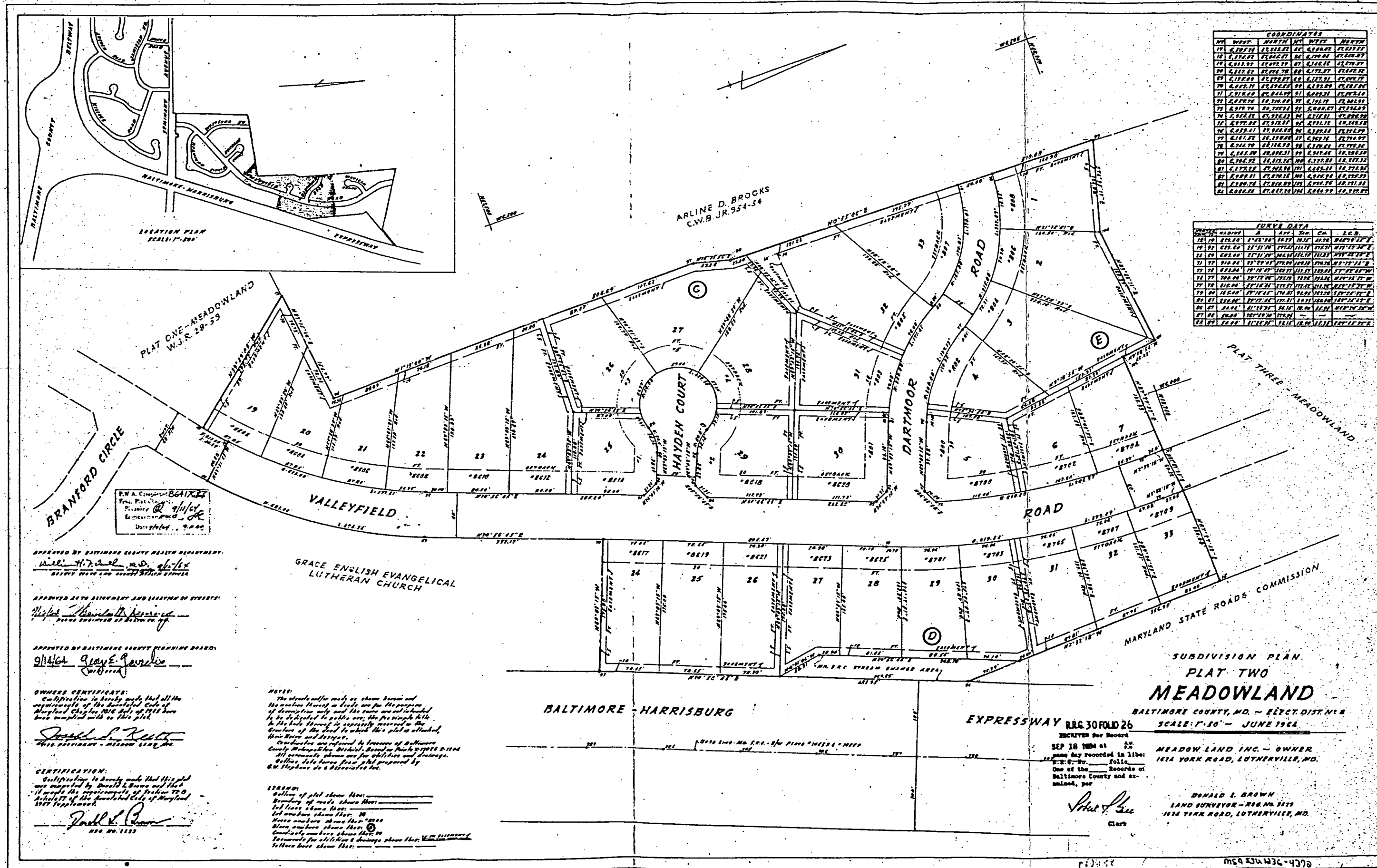
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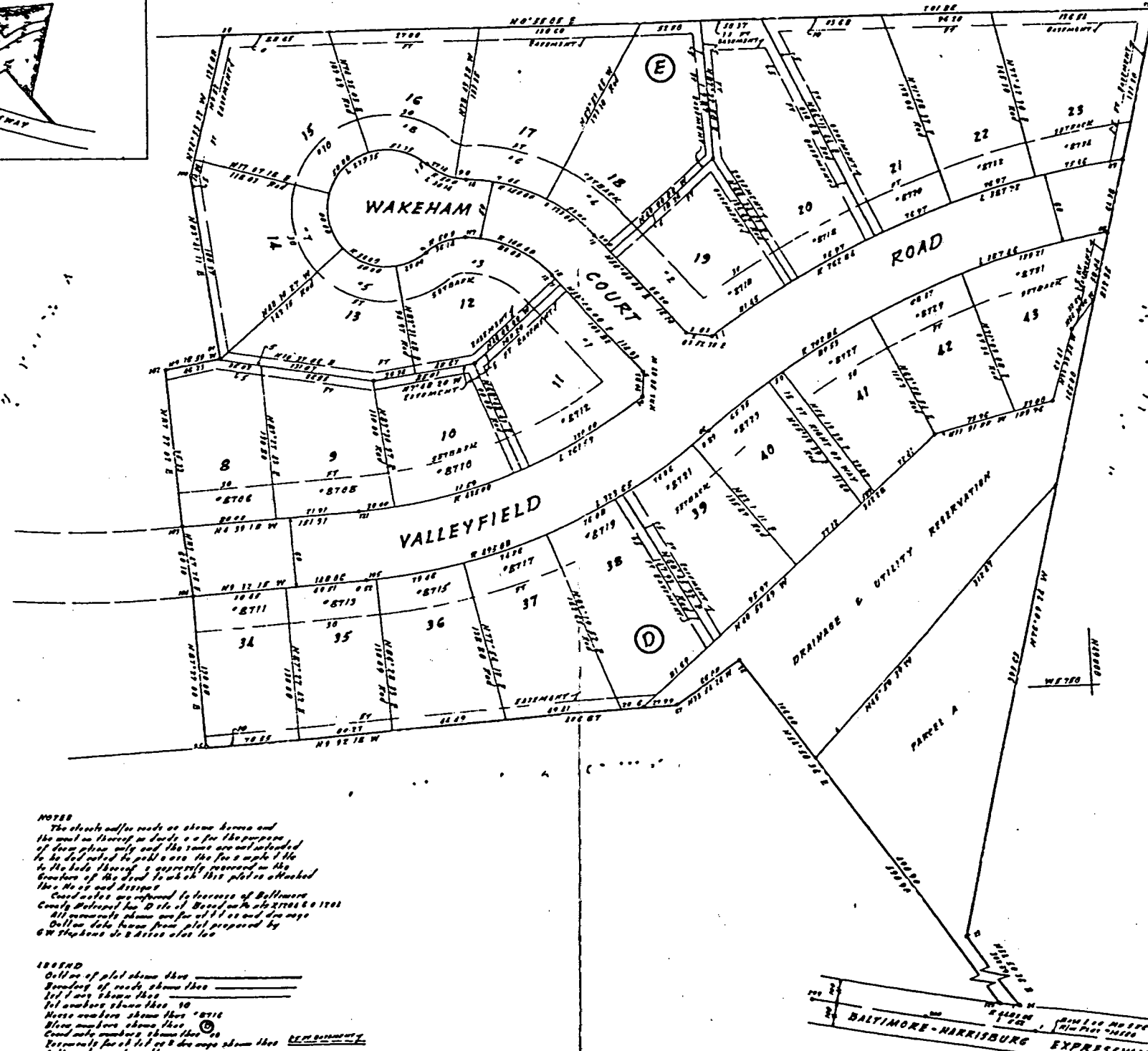
DONALD L. BROWN
LAND SURVEYOR - REG. NO. 8465
1624 YORK ROAD, LUTHERVILLE, MD.

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194	118.40	38.76	31.97	115.17	31.94	371.57	118.40
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 Outflow of plot shows this _____
 Winding of roads shows this _____
 Soil very thin this _____
 Soil another shows this 10 _____
 These waters shows this "B716" _____
 Stone markers show this _____
 Ground water shows this ② _____
 Numerous flow of soil on the edge shows this See the ground water _____
 Settlement here shows this _____

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Seminar - Round-top Costs

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	Unit prices	Nbarrier steps up to CC Park barrier	Straight 12' Wall	Straight 10' wall	12' screen fence* (rockledge prices)	12' screen fence* (MD 174 prices)
Square feet of barrier		4,472	3,840	3,200	3,840	3,840
Surface color system	\$ 0.70	\$ 3,130	\$ 2,688	\$ 2,240		
Panels	\$ 16.00	\$ 71,552	\$ 61,440	\$ 51,200		
screen fence (TX)	\$ 27.00					\$ 103,680
Screen fence (Rockledge)	\$ 19.50				\$ 74,880	
Foundation	\$ 136.00	\$ 21,760	\$ 21,760	\$ 21,760	included	included
Rock sockets	\$ 795.00	\$ 79,500	\$ 79,500	\$ 79,500	\$ 15,900	\$ 15,900
Cost		\$ 175,942	\$ 165,388	\$ 154,700	\$ 90,780	\$ 119,580
OH	14.4%	\$ 25,336	\$ 23,816	\$ 22,277	\$ 13,072	\$ 17,220
TOTAL		\$ 201,278	\$ 189,204	\$ 176,977	\$ 103,852	\$ 136,800
* assumes a 1' rock socket					JDH, 1/8/04	

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TEAMWORK  
 Tim:  
 Please File w/  
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 Project.



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I-83@ Seminary Roundtop

- A. Length to extend sound barrier — 290'
- B. Cost to extend sound barrier — \$123,517
- C. Cost of 12' high block or wooden screen wall

Questions: Would SHA be willing to split the cost w/ owner?

Foundations

\$192,696

\$2.66 /s.f. of wall

Coloration

\$1.70/s.f.

Panels (72,379 s.f.)

\$16.00/s.f.

B.  $290' \times 22' \times \$19.36 = \$123,517$

C.  $290 \times 12 \times \$19.36 = \$67,372$  (12' sound barrier)

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor  
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Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

November 30, 2004

The Honorable Emmett C. Burns, Jr.  
Maryland House of Delegates  
Suite B  
8419 Liberty Road  
Baltimore MD 21244-3100

Dear Delegate Burns:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Catonsville Heights community regarding the sound barrier proposed for the outer loop of I-695 from Ingleside Avenue to south of Frederick Road in Baltimore County. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2004, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Catonsville Library, 1100 Frederick Road in Catonsville. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sound barrier proposed for this project and to seek concurrence on the construction of a barrier from at least 75 percent of the owners whose homes will be *both impacted* by highway noise in the design year (2025) *and benefited* by a barrier. "Impacted" homes are those which are predicted to experience either: a 10 decibel increase in highway noise levels over existing conditions; or highway noise levels of 66 decibels or more that would be at least 3 decibels higher in 2025 than they would have been if the highway had not been built. "Benefited" homes are those for which a barrier will provide at least a 3-decibel reduction in highway noise (if they are impacted) or a 5-decibel reduction (if they are not impacted). We will distribute vote cards to qualifying owners who attend the meeting and will mail vote cards, along with materials that are distributed at the meeting, to qualifying owners who are unable to attend.

My telephone number/toll-free number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770  
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Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Nicole Ross, of SHA's Office of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at [nross@sha.state.md.us](mailto:nross@sha.state.md.us). She will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

*Neil J. Pedersen*

Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA  
Ms. Nicole Ross, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA  
Mr. David J. Malkowski, District Engineer, SHA

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bcc: Ms. Karen Arnold, Environmental Analyst, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, SHA  
Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, Director of Communications, SHA  
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA  
Mr. Joseph Kresslein, Assistant Division Chief, Project Planning, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, SHA  
Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA  
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA  
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA  
Ms. Frances Ward, Community Liaison, SHA

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**Responding to letter dated:**

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cc: James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Gregory D. Welker, District Engineer, State Highway Administration  
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

August 30, 2004

Mr. George G. Cardwell, AICP  
Planning Administrator  
Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning  
2664 Riva Road, MS-6403  
Annapolis MD 21401-7305

Dear Mr. Cardwell:

This letter is a follow-up to your telephone conversation with Mr. James Hade, our Noise Abatement Team Leader, and Mr. Ted Severe, of our staff, requesting a list of the eligible and unfunded Type II sound barrier projects in Anne Arundel County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide the requested information.

The attached table summarizes the eligible Type II sound barrier projects in Anne Arundel County. This summary for each project includes the most recent estimated cost, the County share, impacted and benefited residences, residences not impacted but benefited, approximate length of each barrier, approximate square footage of each barrier, the year the community became eligible for their respective barrier, the average year the impacted homes were built in the respective community, and the number of years of exposure to traffic noise of the impacted homes in the community. The State Highway Administration recommends reducing the cost of projects within a short distance of one another by combining several locations into one or more projects.

Thank you for your telephone call and we look forward to working with Anne Arundel County on these several sound barrier projects. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Hade at 410-545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at [jhade@sha.state.md.us](mailto:jhade@sha.state.md.us). He will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams  
Director  
Office of Environmental Design

Attachment

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Mr. Gregory D. Welker, District Engineer, State Highway Administration  
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

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### Anne Arundel County Type II Sound Barrier Projects

| Highway      | Community                        | Estimated Cost   | County Cost Share | Impacted and Benefited | Benefited Only | Length (Ft.)           | Sq. Ft.                  | Year Approved | Year Built (Average) | Years Exposure |
|--------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------|
| I-695        | Lynbrook Extension               | \$520,000        | \$114,000         | 6                      | 5              | 600                    | 10,800                   | 1999          | 1960                 | 42             |
| MD 100       | Doll Apartments                  | \$1.14 million   | \$250,000         | 6                      | 2              | 1,290                  | 18,834                   | 1999          | 1956                 | 39             |
| MD 100       | Will-O-Brook/<br>Brookfield      | \$4.52 million   | \$991,000         | 23                     | 13             | 5,820                  | 104,760                  | 1998          | 1954                 | 39             |
| MD 10        | Glendale Terrace/<br>Glenchester | \$740,000        | \$163,000         | 4                      | 3              | 1,100                  | 19,800                   | 1999          | 1953                 | 28             |
| MD 10        | East Glen Burnie                 | \$3.28 million   | \$719,000         | SB: 16<br>NB: 18       | SB: 3<br>NB: 2 | SB: 2,574<br>NB: 2,528 | SB: 43,249<br>NB: 34,462 | 1999          | 1958                 | 28             |
| MD 10        | Acreslee                         | \$1.41 million   | \$342,000         | 11                     | 7              | 2,100                  | 27,800                   | 1999          | 1961                 | 28             |
| MD 10        | Glenwood                         | \$1.12 million   | \$246,000         | 11                     | 19             | 1,232                  | 20,082                   | 2000          | 1967                 | 18             |
| I-97         | Oakdale                          | \$1.29 million   | \$283,000         | 5                      | 12             | 1,950                  | 34,600                   | 1999          | 1964                 | 14             |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |                                  | \$114.02 million | \$3,105,000       |                        |                |                        |                          |               |                      |                |

The North Linthicum community, located adjacent to northbound MD 295 just north of the I-695/MD 295 interchange, is still under study for a Type II sound barrier.

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bcc: Ms. Nicole Ross, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Environmental Design, State  
Highway Administration

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**Responding to letter dated:** Follow-up to 08-17-2004 telephone conversations between Mr. Cardwell and Mr. Ted Severe and Mr. Jim Hade; Mr. Cardwell was requesting an update on all Anne Arundel County Type II eligible (but unfunded) barrier projects; his parameters included number of impacted residences, benefiting but not impacted residences, barrier lengths and barrier square footage

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Maryland Department of Transportation

December 17, 2004

Mr. Timothy P. Davis  
City Planner  
Comprehensive and Transportation Planning  
City of Frederick  
101 North Court Street  
Frederick MD 21701-5415

Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for the opportunity for the State Highway Administration (SHA) to assist the City of Frederick in the formulation of its noise ordinance. The attached table, entitled "Generalized Noise Level Projections for Major Highways in Frederick County," provides the recommended minimum setback information for noise sensitive land uses adjacent to the listed highways at various noise levels.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) considers noise levels that approach or exceed 67 decibels to be considered an impact. Most people can begin to perceive a difference in sound between three and five decibels. Therefore, SHA strongly encourages the City of Frederick not to portray noise levels in the mid-60 decibel range as being an acceptable level of highway traffic noise. An ordinance that utilizes 66 decibels "at the property line," for example, may not meet the spirit of the State's Type II funding requirement to prevent impacts in noise sensitive areas if the property line is very close to areas of frequent human use.

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration Sound Barrier, that became effective May 11, 1998, states the following:

*Page 2: "Sound barriers will be approved only in counties that have enacted local noise controls, consistent with state requirements, to address noise impacts for future noise sensitive development adjacent to state highways."*

*Page 5: "The control of new development adjacent to state highways in high noise zones at the local level is critical to the overall abatement of highway noise. Sound barrier reasonableness will consider the local priority on approving new development adjacent to state highways in the determination of providing noise abatement for highway construction or reconstruction projects."*

*Page 7: "Provisions for noise abatement for new development becomes the responsibility of the local jurisdiction and private developers."*

*Page 8: "Preventing noise sensitive land uses from locating adjacent to state highways within high noise areas is the responsibility of local land use and zoning processes."*

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The State's Sound Barrier Policy (and others nation-wide) primarily considers impacts in the ground-level outdoor living spaces. Many people expect noise reductions in all noise sensitive areas of their homes, such as bedrooms or decks which are frequently not at ground level and for homes of more than one level, or where the home sits above the highway on a slope. For this, we recommend requiring architectural solutions for those homes where abatement is provided by the developer for the outdoor spaces, but where there may be additional exposure in other living areas of the home.

In the modeling used for this work, we utilized FHWA's *Traffic Noise Model 2.5* (TNM). We prepared simulation models that are consistent with typical noise analyses for an environmental study. Because of the varying terrain in and around Frederick in each highway model scenario, we assumed a flat terrain situation with soft ground cover but no acoustic obstructions to noise. Development designs that propose noise-reflective surfaces such as wide streets, parking lots or water features between noise sensitive uses and the highway may realize higher noise levels than are portrayed in the attached table. Development proposals that will be situated either below or above the highway may actually have lower noise levels. In the instances where an owner wishes to develop closer than the recommended set-back but anticipates lower noise levels, a noise analysis should be prepared by a qualified highway traffic noise consultant to demonstrate whether or not there will be an impact.

The model also utilized a traffic volume "level of service 'D'" in assuming the worst case traffic noise environment. We recommend requiring this approach for developers wishing to perform an analysis in order to account for the highest noise generation capacity for that highway, regardless of the current traffic trends. Because of the statistical difficulty in taking measurements in such a period, we strongly discourage analysis methods that utilize "current noise measurements" for defining the future noise environment for a proposed community. Current noise measurements together with classified traffic counts should be utilized to calibrate and verify any modeling that is used to justify development proposals. Noise measurements should be conducted in accordance with procedures outlined in the FHWA document: *"Measurement of Highway-Related Noise" Final Report, May 1996.*

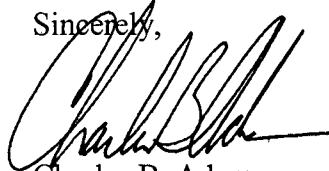
We would be happy to provide a review of the proposed ordinance language and offer comments to aid you in meeting the spirit of our Type II funding policy.

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If SHA can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, our Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at [jhade@sha.state.md.us](mailto:jhade@sha.state.md.us). He will be pleased to assist you.

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Mr. Steven Foster, Chief, Plans and Surveys Division, Office of Highway Design, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Glen Smith, Regional and Intermodal Planning Division, State Highway Administration  
Ms. Patricia Goucher, Principal Planner, Maryland Department of Planning

# Generalized Noise Level Projections for Major Highways in Frederick County

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| ROUTE     | CHARACTERISTICS                   | DISTANCE IN FEET FROM EDGE OF ROAD FOR PREDICTED<br>AVERAGE HOURLY NOISE LEVEL (Leq (h)) |        |        |        |        |        |        | SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC PARAMETERS |        |     |     |       |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|-----|-----|-------|
|           |                                   | 72 dBA                                                                                   | 70 dBA | 68 dBA | 67 dBA | 66 dBA | 65 dBA | 60 dBA | ADT                           | Veh/Hr | %HT | %MT | Speed |
| I-70      | 4 Lanes/ 40' Median               | 234                                                                                      | 276    | 332    | 336    | 421    | 481    | 760    | LOS 'D'                       | 7,250  | 9.4 | 3.0 | 60    |
|           | 6 Lanes/ 40' Median               | 306                                                                                      | 360    | 446    | 500    | 570    | 618    | 850+   | LOS 'D'                       | 9,586  | 9.4 | 3.0 | 61    |
| US 15     | 4 Lanes/ 40' Median               | 192                                                                                      | 229    | 271    | 294    | 322    | 351    | 656    | LOS 'D'                       | 7,808  | 4.0 | 4.5 | 61    |
|           | 4 Lanes/ 70' Median (S. of US 40) | 221                                                                                      | 254    | 296    | 320    | 346    | 375    | 572    | LOS 'D'                       | 7,808  | 4.0 | 4.5 | 61    |
| I-270     | 4 Lanes/ 350' Median              | 333                                                                                      | 363    | 398    | 421    | 445    | 472    | 665    | LOS 'D'                       | 7,332  | 5.1 | 5.0 | 60    |
| MD 355    | 4 Lanes/no Median                 | 112                                                                                      | 141    | 172    | 195    | 222    | 257    | 445    | LOS 'D'                       | 7,808  | 2.0 | 2.5 | 45    |
| MD 340    | 4 Lanes/ 50' Median               | 212                                                                                      | 247    | 289    | 310    | 342    | 372    | 713    | LOS 'D'                       | 7,416  | 5.2 | 2.5 | 60    |
| MD 26     | 4 Lanes/ 50' Median               | 210                                                                                      | 243    | 283    | 305    | 332    | 359    | 687    | LOS 'D'                       | 7,296  | 3.1 | 7.5 | 60    |
| US 40     | 4 Lanes/ 50' Median               | 133                                                                                      | 161    | 188    | 203    | 222    | 241    | 381    | LOS 'D'                       | 6,720  | 2.4 | 4.0 | 50    |
|           | 6 Lanes/ 50' Median               | 163                                                                                      | 190    | 221    | 239    | 255    | 269    | 505    | LOS 'D'                       | 10,080 | 2.4 | 4.0 | 50    |
| US 40 ALT | 2 Lanes/ No Median                | 56                                                                                       | 72     | 84     | 96     | 109    | 126    | 200    | LOS 'D'                       | 3,360  | 1.0 | 1.0 | 45    |
| MD 144    | 2 lanes/ No Median                | 52                                                                                       | 68     | 89     | 92     | 100    | 117    | 193    | LOS 'D'                       | 3,000  | 1.0 | 3.4 | 45    |
| MD 180    | 3 Lanes/ No Median                | 87                                                                                       | 120    | 142    | 154    | 169    | 184    | 283    | LOS 'D'                       | 4,793  | 1.0 | 1.0 | 50    |

Definitions  
 ADT - Average Daily Traffic at LOS 'D' and Designated Speed  
 LOS 'D' - Traffic Level of Service at which the largest number of vehicles can travel at maximum speed  
 HT - Heavy Truck, any truck with a high exhaust stack and three or more axles  
 MT - Medium Truck, any truck with two axles and six wheels and low exhaust

## Explanatory notes:

The above noise level estimates were developed using the Federal Highway Administrations (FHWA) Traffic Noise Model (TNM) Program Version 2.5. Assumptions regarding roadway geometry and TNM model development include a) single equivalent lane/ direction based on the number of lanes times 12', b) separation of equivalent lanes based on median width as given, c) "soft site" propagation rate (attenuation of 4.5 per doubling of distance), and no extra attenuation or shielding for barrier or atmospheric effects with the exception of humidity.

The distances given are based upon the traffic parameters shown. Traffic classifications are based upon 2003 Traffic data and on the Highway Capacity Manual 2003 volumes for LOS 'D' at the speeds shown in the chart. LOS 'D' reflects the combination of traffic and speed that would yield "worst-case" (highest) anticipated noise levels.

The overall accuracy of the distances given should be considered approximately +/- 10 feet.

Mr. Timothy P. Davis  
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bcc: Ms. Karen Arnold, Environmental Analyst, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Joseph Kresslein, Assistant Division Chief, Project Planning, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, State Highway Administration  
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Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

**Serial #:** None

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**JIM HADE - RE: US15 and Apple Ave**

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**From:** "Tim Davis" <tdavis@cityoffrederick.com>  
**To:** "JIM HADE" <JHade@sha.state.md.us>  
**Date:** 11/24/2003 10:33 AM  
**Subject:** RE: US15 and Apple Ave  
**CC:** "CHARLES ADAMS" <CAdams@sha.state.md.us>, "RUSSEL WALTO" <RWalto@sha.state.md.us>

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Good day Mr. Hade:

Hope you had a good holiday. In response to your email of last week, I offer the following:

Location

Yes, placing the walls along US15, in the State right of way - that is our preliminary plan.

Type II

In this instance, there is already decibel levels greater than 66db, it is an existing highway and in my limited understanding of Type II, the projects would be eligible.

Funding

Yes, the City's money - we may want to pursue the construction in advance of the state being ready. The I-270 / US 15 project will not reach the City for a very long time - and the residences in that area are continually asking me if we can build the walls now.

-----Original Message-----

From: JIM HADE [mailto:JHade@sha.state.md.us]  
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2003 1:46 PM  
To: Tim Davis  
Cc: CHARLES ADAMS; RUSSEL WALTO  
Subject: RE: US15 and Apple Ave

Tim:

Thanks for the return message.

May I assume that you are speaking to placing walls on SHA right of way? Would these be the areas that would be eligible under our Type II program, the ones that may be indicated in a final environmental analysis for other (non Type II communities) or others (also)? When you say "General Fund" are you speaking of the City's fund, or the State's?

Thanks for considering these clarification questions. I'll be out of the office for the next week. If your questions are urgent, I've copied Charlie Adams, the Director of the Office of Environmental Design (where I work) on this message. His phone number is 410-545-8640.

James Hade, RLA  
Team Leader for Noise Abatement  
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Fx 410-209-5003

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>>> "Tim Davis" <tdavis@cityoffrederick.com> 11/21/03 12:53PM >>>

Good day Jim:

Here is my question:

If, if the City wanted to construct their own sound walls along US15 in accordance to SHA design and standards, what would be our approach to get this done. Is it conceivable that we could actually do it through our engineering department (or consultant - whatever) and general fund in advance of the projected construction / improvements to US15 in conjunction with the I-270 / US15 project?

Thank you,  
Timothy P. Davis  
City Planner: Comprehensive & Transportation Planning - City of Frederick  
301-694-1884 - office  
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**From:** "Tim Davis" <tdavis@cityoffrederick.com>  
**To:** "JIM HADE" <JHade@sha.state.md.us>  
**Date:** 11/08/2004 9:54:03 AM  
**Subject:** RE: City of Frederick development regulations proposed

Thank you Jim. I look forward to seeing (hearing) of the noise level data for our area. It is most important to the formulation of our Ordinance to at the very least have those "conservative numbers" -

Again thanks. Regards,

Tim

-----Original Message-----

**From:** JIM HADE [mailto:JHade@sha.state.md.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 05, 2004 9:56 AM  
**To:** Tim Davis  
**Cc:** DAN UEBERSAX  
**Subject:** RE: City of Frederick development regulations proposed

Tim:

I apologize for the delay in responding. I thought I had responded once, but I cannot locate my copy, so I must assume that I have not.

Since we do not have a file of past noise studies in your area, we needed to prepare and run noise models for the various highway situations that could be anticipated. They will be conservative numbers for flat terrain.

We have finished running the models and I need to review them with our director before releasing the results.

On the question of impacts at schools etc: an impact is "approach or exceed 67 decibels". The SHA defines approach to be 66 decibels.

Please see the Federal Highway document:  
Table 1 to 23 CFR Part 772: Noise Abatement Criteria  
(it is also duplicated in our Noise Policy as "Attachment 3")

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I'll keep you posted.

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>>> "Tim Davis" <tdavis@cityoffrederick.com> 10/07/2004 10:27:06 AM

>>>

Hi Jim -

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Does the State differentiate acceptable decibel levels between schools, residential, other uses, etc? If so, what are they?

Thank you,  
Timothy P. Davis

>>> "Tim Davis" <tdavis@cityoffrederick.com> 09/22/2004 2:48:14 PM >>>  
Good day Jim -

Any information on those highways and set back information?

Thanks, Tim

-----Original Message-----

From: Tim Davis  
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2004 10:52 AM  
To: 'JIM HADE'  
Subject: RE: City of Frederick development regulations proposed

Hi Jim,

Our list:

1. I-70
2. US15
3. MD340
4. MD180
5. US40
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Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2004 12:30 PM  
To: CHARLES ADAMS  
Cc: Tim Davis; BOB FISHER; BOWDEN WARD; DAN UEBERSAX; KEN MCDONALD; SHIVA SHRESTHA; TERRANCE HANCOCK; TERRY MAXWELL  
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**To:** "JIM HADE" <JHade@sha.state.md.us>  
**Date:** 07/20/2004 10:47:44 AM  
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**MEMORANDUM**

✓ **TO:** Meg Andrews  
Office of Planning and Capital Programming  
Maryland Department of Transportation

✓ **FROM:** Michael J. Haley *MJH*  
Assistant Division Chief  
Regional and Intermodal Planning Division

**DATE:** August 24, 2004

**SUBJECT:** City of Frederick Comprehensive Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the City of Frederick's draft Comprehensive Plan. I offer the following comments:

**Page T-1: Implementation Strategies**

The City should be commended for their development and implementation of an *Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance for Roads* as well as developing recommendations for coordinating the timing and implementation of transportation improvements with other infrastructure improvements. These initiatives will assist the City, Frederick County and the State Highway Administration (SHA) in responding to the increasing population growth and associated development that the City is experiencing.

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**Policy T-7: Promote bicycle and pedestrian mobility in the City of Frederick.**

The City should consider SHA's Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) as a possible funding source for bicycle and pedestrian path improvements. I may be reached at 410-545-5675 or [mhaley@sha.state.md.us](mailto:mhaley@sha.state.md.us) for more information regarding the TEP.

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**SHA funded Improvements – No. 7 – Mt Philip Road and I-70 Interchange**

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**Policy T-12: Ensure that road improvements minimize adverse impacts in the adjacent areas and environs.**

3. Study the need for sound barrier walls along US 15, MD 26 and I-70. The State of Maryland has several sample ordinances that could be used in the City of Frederick.

It is understood that the City is in the process of developing an ordinance to facilitate potential implementation of sound barriers in the City. The SHA would be pleased to coordinate with the City on this initiative. Please contact Mr. Jim Hade, SHA's Team Leader for Noise Abatement, at 410-545-8599 or [jhade@sha.state.md.us](mailto:jhade@sha.state.md.us), for issues related to the sound barriers.

If you have any questions regarding these comments on the draft Comprehensive Plan for the City of Frederick, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Glen Smith, our Regional Planner for Frederick County at 410-545-5675 or [gsmith2@sha.state.md.us](mailto:gsmith2@sha.state.md.us). He will be pleased to assist you.

cc: Mr. Jim Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA  
Mr. Robert L. Fisher, District Engineer, SHA  
Mr. Steve Foster, Acting Chief of Engineering Access Permits, SHA  
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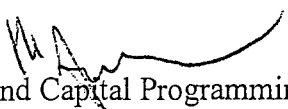
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Pat Goucher, Director  
Local Planning Assistance  
Maryland Office of Planning

**FROM:** Meg Andrews   
Office of Planning and Capital Programming

**DATE:** August 25, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Draft Comprehensive Plan  
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We strongly support the City's emphasis on improving connectivity within and between developments, and on regional coordination of transportation elements.

We are also happy to see that the plan takes the airport into consideration from the perspectives of both transportation and land use. The effort to ensure that surrounding development is compatible with airport operations will greatly reduce future conflicts.

We would also like to offer the following suggestions and technical clarifications for your consideration:

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#### **Policy T-6: Promotes Alternatives to the Single-occupant Vehicle**

The city may also want to include Commuter Bus service as another alternative to the single occupant vehicle. Currently, Eyre Bus operates Route 991 under MTA contract. The service extends from Hagerstown to Frederick /Shady Grove and Rock Spring Business Park in Montgomery County. The combined effect of different alternative transportation systems including Commuter Bus can contribute in the City's effort to reduce congestion and improve air quality.

In addition, the City may also consider coordinating activities with the MTA, the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments and others to promote the use of park-and-ride lots and other transportation facilities available in the area as another strategy. The efficient utilization of the existing and planned facilities can play a significant role in the promotion of alternatives to the single-occupant vehicle.

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- 3. Study the need for sound barrier walls along US 15, MD 26 and I-70. The State of Maryland has several sample ordinances that could be used in the City of Frederick.**

It is understood that the City is in the process of developing an ordinance to facilitate potential implementation of sound barriers in the City. The SHA would be pleased to coordinate with the City on this initiative. Please contact Mr. Jim Hade, SHA's Team Leader for Noise Abatement, at 410-545-8599 or [jhade@sha.state.md.us](mailto:jhade@sha.state.md.us), for issues related to the sound barriers.

As the plan advances please feel free to contact various planners in MDOT with any questions. These are: Maryland Aviation Administration - Mr. Ashish Solanki, his number is 410-859-7751, Maryland Transit Administration - Mr. Bejital Berhanu, Regional Planner, his number is 410-767-3758; State Highway Administration - Mr. Glen Smith, Regional Planner, he may be reached at 410-545-5675 or 1-800-204-4828. Should you have questions or desire additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-865-1287 or [mandrews1@mdot.state.md.us](mailto:mandrews1@mdot.state.md.us).

cc: Mr. Bejital Berhanu, Regional Planner, MTA  
Mr. Robert L. Fisher, District Engineer, SHA  
Mr. Steve Foster, Access Permits, SHA  
Mr. Dennis German, Coordinator, Priority Places Program  
✓ Mr. Jim Hade, Noise Abatement, SHA  
Mr. Michael Haley, Manager, Transportation Enhancements Program  
Mr. Glen Smith, Regional Planner, SHA  
Mr. Ashish Solanki, Manager, Regional Aviation

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Maryland Department of Transportation

November 30, 2004

The Honorable Steven J. DeBoy, Sr.  
Maryland House of Delegates  
5408 East Drive  
Arbutus MD 21227-2604

Dear Delegate DeBoy:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Catonsville Heights community regarding the sound barrier that is proposed for the outer loop of I-695, from Ingleside Avenue to south of Frederick Road, in Baltimore County. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2004, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Catonsville Library, 1100 Frederick Road, in Catonsville. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sound barrier proposed for this project and to seek concurrence on the construction of a barrier from at least 75 percent of the owners whose homes will be *both impacted* by highway noise in the design year (2025) *and benefited* by a barrier. "Impacted" homes are those which are predicted to experience either: a 10 decibel increase in highway noise levels over existing conditions; or highway noise levels of 66 decibels or more that would be at least 3 decibels higher in 2025 than they would have been if the highway had not been built. "Benefited" homes are those for which a barrier will provide at least a 3-decibel reduction in highway noise (if they are impacted) or a 5-decibel reduction (if they are not impacted). We will distribute vote cards to qualifying owners who attend the meeting and will mail vote cards, along with materials that are distributed at the meeting, to qualifying owners who are unable to attend.

My telephone number/toll-free number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770  
Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech 1.800.735.2258 Statewide Toll Free

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Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Nicole Ross, of SHA's Office of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at [nross@sha.state.md.us](mailto:nross@sha.state.md.us). She will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA  
Ms. Nicole Ross, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA  
Mr. David J. Malkowski, District Engineer, SHA



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bcc: Ms. Karen Arnold, Environmental Analyst, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, SHA  
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James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA  
Mr. Joseph Kresslein, Assistant Division Chief, Project Planning, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, SHA  
Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA  
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA  
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA  
Ms. Frances Ward, Community Liaison, SHA

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**Responding to letter dated:**

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Deputy Secretary

November 15, 2004

Dr. Charles I. Ecker  
Superintendent, Carroll County Public Schools  
125 North Court Street  
Westminster, Maryland 21157

Dear Dr. Ecker:

Thank you for your letter regarding a sound barrier for the Shiloh Middle School as part of the MD 30 Hampstead By-Pass project in Carroll County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your inquiry.

Your request that the State Highway Administration (SHA) reconsider providing a sound barrier along the new MD 30 By-Pass for the Shiloh Middle School rather than a chain link fence is being reviewed. We appreciate your patience and understanding while we evaluate your request. We anticipate being able to provide you with our response by the end of this month.

Thank you again for your letter on behalf of the Shiloh Middle School. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640, 1-800-446-5962, or [cadams@sha.state.md.us](mailto:cadams@sha.state.md.us). SHA will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Flanagan  
Secretary

cc: Carroll County Board of County Commissioners  
Carroll County Board of Education  
The Honorable Larry E. Haines, Member, Senate of Maryland  
Mr. Tom Hill, Principal, Shiloh Middle School  
Mr. Raymond Prokop, Director of Facilities, Carroll County Public Schools  
The Honorable Nancy R. Stocksdales, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable Haven N. Shoemaker, Jr., Mayor, Town of Hampstead  
The Honorable Tanya A. Thornton Shewell, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA  
Mr. Cornelius Barmer, Project Engineer, Office of Highway Design, SHA  
Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator, SHA

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Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA  
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA  
Richard Y. Woo, Ph.D., Director of Policy and Research, SHA  
Mr. Robert L. Fisher, District Engineer, SHA

**Serial #:** WCS 17729

**OED Serial#:** None

**Noise Customer #:**

**Responding to letter dated:** Interim follow-up to 10-27-2004 letter from Dr. Ecker to Sec. Flanagan requesting that SHA reconsider providing a sound barrier rather than a chain-link fence along the SHA right-of-way adjacent to the Shiloh Middle School along the proposed MD 30 Hampstead By-Pass; Dr. Ecker wrote:

*"I am writing to request a reevaluation of the decision to place a chain link fence rather than a sound barrier between the new Hampstead Bypass and Shiloh Middle School.*

*"On October 19, 2004, an informational meeting of the Hampstead Bypass was held by the State Highway Administration at Shiloh Middle School on Carroll County. Specifically, sound barriers planned for the route were discussed. Through that meeting, I learned that a chain link fence rather than cement sound barriers is planned as a barrier between our middle school and the bypass. I request a reevaluation for the following reasons:*

*"1. The planned bypass borders Shiloh Middle School and will be located only 25 yards from our school's outdoor fields. I am concerned about the safety of our students as well as the sound created by the major highway.*

*"2. A statement made at the informational meeting by Mr. Cornelius Barmer of the State Highway Administration indicated that our Board of Education was both aware and approved of the chain link fence. Neither board members nor I had knowledge of this plan. If given the opportunity to comment, I would have strenuously objected to the chain link fence and supported cement sound barriers.*

*"3. Route maps provided at the October 19th meeting show current and future housing developments, North Carroll High School and Hampstead Elementary School, but do not reflect the presence of Shiloh Middle School. It appears Shiloh Middle may not have been considered when the placement of sound barriers was being considered.*

*"Please reconsider our request for the use of concrete sound barriers as a border between Shiloh Middle School and this bypass for the safety of our students.*

*"Feel free to contact Mr. Tom Hill, Principal of Shiloh Middle School, at (410) 386-4570 or me at (410) 751-3028 if you require additional information.*

*"Thank you for your consideration of this request."*

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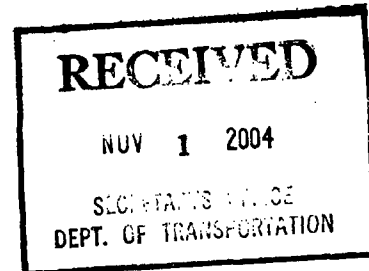
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CHARLES I. ECKER  
Superintendent

October 27, 2004

Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary  
Maryland Department of Transportation  
7201 Corporate Center Drive  
Hanover, Maryland 21076



Re: Hampstead Bypass - Sound Barriers

Dear Secretary Flanagan:

I am writing to request a reevaluation of the decision to place a chain link fence rather than a sound barrier between the new Hampstead Bypass and Shiloh Middle School.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Charles I. Ecker  
Superintendent of Schools

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c: Board Members  
Board of County Commissioners  
Mr. Ray Prokop  
Mr. Tom Hill  
Mr. Cornelius Barner  
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Bob - Be glad to talk with  
you about this if you want /  
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**Correspondence Details****Case ID: 17729 Ecker, Charles**

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Constituent: Ecker, Charles  
Address: 125 N. Court Street  
Westminster, MD 21157  
Document Date: 10/27/2004  
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Corr. Type: In  
Confidential: No  
Subject: SHA-General  
Stand on issue: Neither  
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Tone of letter: Neither  
Current Owner: Helene, Irene  
Date Assigned: 11/01/2004  
Deadline Date: 11/08/2004  
Date Closed:  
Respond On Behalf Of: Prepare Response For Secretary's Signature  
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Comments: Writes concerning Hampstead Bypass - Sound Barriers.

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| Future                          | Carol Arscott       | Response Reviewer       | Review       |
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October 21, 2004

The Honorable George C. Edwards  
Maryland House of Delegates  
P.O. Box 658  
Grantsville, Maryland 21536-0658

Dear Delegate Edwards:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of your constituent, Mrs. Virginia M. Hensley, of Grantsville. Mrs. Hensley is concerned over highway traffic noise from I-68 near her home, on the eastern side of Grantsville, in Garrett County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers in two circumstances, designated "Type I" and "Type II." In "Type I" situations, barriers are considered when a new highway is being built or an existing highway is being expanded. At this time, we have no plans to improve this portion of I-68 that would warrant a Type I sound barrier evaluation.

When a highway already exists and is *not* being expanded—so that Type I criteria do not apply—communities may be considered for our "Type II," or "retrofit," sound barrier program. The intent of the Type II program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analyses became a part of the highway development process. A number of criteria must be met for a Type II barrier to be approved. First, the county in which the community is located must have an ordinance that addresses the impact of highway traffic noise on new residential development. In addition, the highway in question must be a controlled-access highway (one with interchanges rather than at-grade intersections). If both of these conditions exist, then all of the following technical criteria must also be met: the majority of impacted homes must predate the highway; existing noise levels must equal or exceed the 66-decibel impact threshold; and it must be possible to build an effective barrier for \$50,000 or less per benefited home. If all of these criteria are met, the county must then agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost.

The SHA has evaluated the Grantsville community's eligibility for our Type II sound barrier program as outlined above. Our research determined that, while the Grantsville community meets the date and noise-level criteria, the cost to construct an effective sound barrier would exceed \$87,000 per residence. Based on this information, the Grantsville community cannot be considered for a Type II sound barrier, because an effective barrier would exceed the \$50,000-per-residence criterion.

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The Landscape Operations Division (LOD) of SHA's Office of Environmental Design will investigate the feasibility of plantings to provide a visual screen. Mr. Kenneth Oldham is LOD's Division Chief and can be contacted at 410-545-8590 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at koldham@sha.state.md.us. He and his staff will be pleased to assist you. Please understand that a visual screen will not reduce noise levels. It would take approximately a 200-foot deep, mature, evergreen buffer to approximate the noise reduction that a sound barrier could provide.

The issue of commercial truck noise is one of regulatory enforcement. The Maryland State Police (MSP) Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED) has jurisdiction over the enforcement of this issue. I have therefore forwarded your letter to Lt. Colonel Stephen T. Moyer, MSP Commander of the CVED, so that he may respond to you directly about your constituent's concerns. If you would like to contact the MSP directly, please do not hesitate to contact Lt. Colonel Moyer at 901 Elkridge Landing Road, Linthicum Heights, Maryland 21090-2919 or, by telephone, at 410-694-6100.

Thank you again for your letter. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at cadams@sha.state.md.us. He will also be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Flanagan  
Secretary

cc: Mrs. Virginia M. Hensley  
Lt. Colonel Stephen T. Moyer, Commander, CVED, Maryland State Police  
(w/incoming)  
Mr. Kenneth A. Oldham, Division Chief, SHA  
Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator, SHA

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bcc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA  
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Highway Administration  
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA

**Serial #:** WCS 17458

**OED Serial#:** None

**Noise Customer #:** 2839

**Responding to letter dated:** Follow-up to 09-23-2004 letter from Del. Edwards to MDOT Sec. Flanagan forwarding Mrs. Hensley's 09-09-2004 letter to Del. Edwards; Del. Edwards wrote:

*"Enclosed is a copy of a letter I received from Mrs. Virginia M. Hensley in reference to noise coming from I68 in the Grantsville area.*

*"Would you please look into her concern to see if there is something that can be done?"*

*"Thank you for your time and consideration of this very important matter."*

Mrs. Hensley wrote to Del. Edwards on 09-09-2004:

*"I am writing your office to solicit assistance in resolving traffic noise problems on the east end of town in Grantsville, Maryland and Casselman Valley. When Interstate 68 was originally built, apparently the State and Federal highway authorities did not take in account for the future community's growth, and at that time, the existing homes along this major Interstate highway project. Also, at the time of its' original construction, our area was not a major central point of tourist and recreational destination.*

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*"Thank you."*

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DELEGATE GEORGE C. EDWARDS

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Robert. L. Flanagan  
Secretary of Transportation  
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Hanover, MD 21076

Dear Secretary *Bob* Flanagan:

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Thank you for your time and consideration of this very important matter.

Sincerely,

*George C. Edwards*  
George C. Edwards, Delegate  
Garrett and Allegany Counties

GCE:sp

CC: Hensley



September 9, 2004

Delegate George C. Edwards  
Pennsylvania Avenue  
Grantsville, Maryland 21536

Dear Delegate Edwards,

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Thank You

*Mrs. Virginia M. Hensley*

Mrs. Virginia M. Hensley  
P.O. Box 3  
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**Correspondence Details****Case ID: 17458 EDWARDS, GEORGE**

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How corr. was received: US Postal Mail  
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Date Assigned: 10/05/2004  
Deadline Date: 10/12/2004  
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | P.O. Box 3   | GA                 | Grantsville         | 21536-0003                                             | private              |                                     |  |
| Elected Official whom has communicated directly to us on this custome                                                                                                                                                   |              |                    |                     | Del. George C. Edwards                                 |                      |                                     |  |
| DAY PHONE                                                                                                                                                                                                               | HOME PHONE   | E-Mail address     | COMMUNITY           | HDR Dbase Link                                         |                      |                                     |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 301-895-3945 |                    | Grantsville         |                                                        |                      |                                     |  |
| Logical Project Limits                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ROADWAY      | I-68               | BarrierName         |                                                        |                      |                                     |  |
| WB I-68 east of MD 669                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |                    |                     |                                                        |                      |                                     |  |
| RESPONSE                                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |                    |                     | INQUIRY                                                |                      | 2nd Contact                         |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |              |                    |                     | wants barrier or berm or trees to reduce traffic noise |                      |                                     |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |              |                    |                     | Last Contact                                           | Researcher           | Primary SHA Contact                 |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |              |                    |                     | 10/06/2004                                             |                      |                                     |  |
| FILE LOCATIO                                                                                                                                                                                                            | OTHER        | Current committmen | None                | Construction Projects                                  |                      |                                     |  |
| Do we owe a letter? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter Commit due date: 10/08/2004                                                                                                                              |              |                    |                     |                                                        |                      |                                     |  |
| Letter signed date Reason Letter is Late n/a                                                                                                                                                                            |              |                    |                     |                                                        |                      |                                     |  |
| LAST action                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |                    |                     |                                                        |                      |                                     |  |
| 10-6-04 Rec'd letter from Del. Edwards on behalf of Ms. Hensley thru WCS system; ms. Hensley wants traffic noise reduced with either a barrier, berm or trees; also wants trucks to be discouraged from use jake-brakes |              |                    |                     |                                                        |                      |                                     |  |
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| All Elected Officials: 10-2004 EO's Dists. 1A Sen. John J. Hafer, Del. George C. Edwards, GA Co Bd of Co Comm: David C. Beard, Ernest J. Gregg, Fredereick A. Holliday                                                  |              |                    |                     |                                                        |                      |                                     |  |
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| Consultant Fir 1-888-375-1975 outside MD                                                                                                                                                                                |              |                    |                     |                                                        |                      |                                     |  |

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Account Identifier: District - 03 Account Number - 017427

## Owner Information

Owner Name: HENSLEY, LARRY F & VIRGINIA M Use: AGRICULTURAL  
Principal Residence: NO  
Mailing Address: PO BOX 3 Deed Reference: 1) / 633/ 317  
GRANTSVILLE MD 21536-0003 2)

## Location &amp; Structure Information

## Premises Address

## Legal Description

16.13 A  
S/S RT 40 N/S RT 48  
GRANTSVILLE

| Map                     | Grid | Parcel   | Sub District                    | Subdivision | Section            | Block    | Lot        | Group | Plat No:  |
|-------------------------|------|----------|---------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|----------|------------|-------|-----------|
| 8                       | 21   | 84       |                                 | GRANTSVILLE |                    |          |            | 80    | Plat Ref: |
| Special Tax Areas       |      |          | Town<br>Ad Valorem<br>Tax Class |             |                    |          |            |       |           |
| Primary Structure Built |      |          | Enclosed Area                   |             | Property Land Area |          | County Use |       |           |
| 0000                    |      |          |                                 |             | 16.13 SF           |          |            |       |           |
| Stories                 |      | Basement |                                 | Type        |                    | Exterior |            |       |           |

## Value Information

|                    | Base<br>Value | Value<br>As Of<br>01/01/2004 | Phase-in Assessments<br>As Of<br>07/01/2004 | As Of<br>07/01/2005 | PREFERENTIAL LAND VALUE<br>INCLUDED IN LAND VALUE |
|--------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Land:              | 8,060         | 8,060                        |                                             |                     |                                                   |
| Improvements:      | 8,430         | 8,460                        |                                             |                     |                                                   |
| Total:             | 16,490        | 16,520                       | 16,500                                      | 16,510              |                                                   |
| Preferential Land: | 8,060         | 8,060                        | 8,060                                       | 8,060               |                                                   |

## Transfer Information

Seller: HENSLEY, LARRY F & VIRGINIA M Date: 06/30/1994 Price: \$0  
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH Deed1: / 633/ 317 Deed2:  
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## Exemption Information

| Partial Exempt Assessments | Class | 07/01/2004 | 07/01/2005 |
|----------------------------|-------|------------|------------|
| County                     | 000   | 0          | 0          |
| State                      | 000   | 0          | 0          |
| Municipal                  | 000   | 0          | 0          |

Tax Exempt:  
Exempt Class:

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Special Tax Recapture:  
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Del. George C. Edwards

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## Owner Information

Owner Name: HENSLEY, LARRY F & VIRGINIA M Use: EXEMPT  
Principal Residence: YES  
Mailing Address: PO BOX 3 Deed Reference: 1) / 633/ 317  
GRANTSVILLE MD 21536-0440 2)

## Location &amp; Structure Information

Premises Address Legal Description  
NATIONAL PIKE 1.00 A  
S/S RT 40  
GRANTSVILLE

| Map | Grid | Parcel | Sub District | Subdivision | Section | Block | Lot | Group | Plat No:  |
|-----|------|--------|--------------|-------------|---------|-------|-----|-------|-----------|
| 8   | 21   | 84     |              | GRANTSVILLE |         |       |     | 80    | Plat Ref: |

Special Tax Areas Town Ad Valorem Tax Class GRANTSVILLE

| Primary Structure Built | Enclosed Area | Property Land Area | County Use |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------|
| 1994                    | 1,328 SF      | 1.00 AC            | 000000     |

| Stories | Basement | Type          | Exterior |
|---------|----------|---------------|----------|
| 1       | YES      | STANDARD UNIT | FRAME    |

## Value Information

|                    | Base Value | Value As Of 01/01/2004 | Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2004 | As Of 07/01/2005 |
|--------------------|------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Land:              | 14,000     | 14,500                 |                                       |                  |
| Improvements:      | 90,930     | 97,650                 |                                       |                  |
| Total:             | 104,930    | 112,150                | 107,336                               | 109,742          |
| Preferential Land: | 0          | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                |

## Transfer Information

| Seller: | Date:  | Price: |
|---------|--------|--------|
| Type:   | Deed1: | Deed2: |
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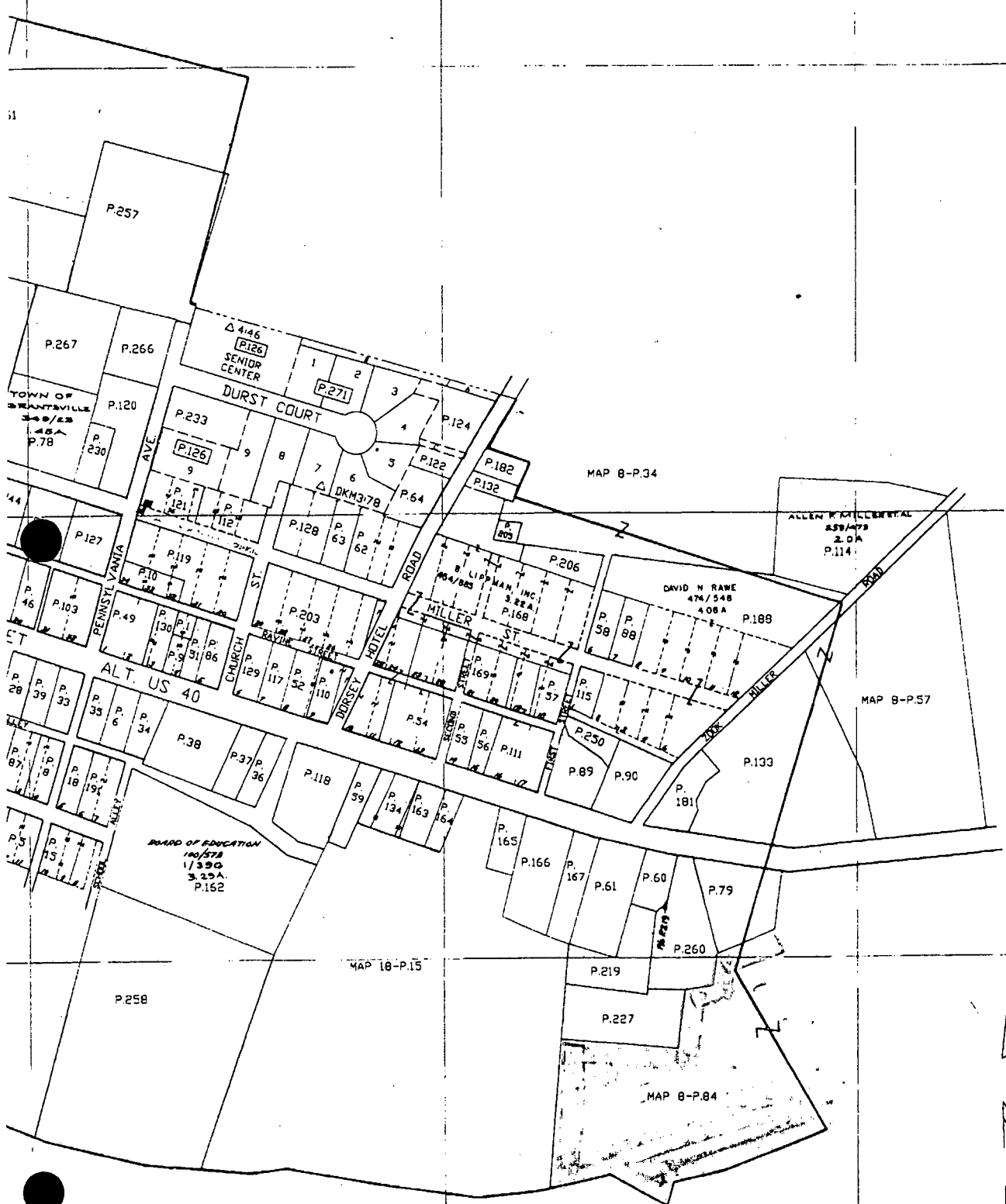
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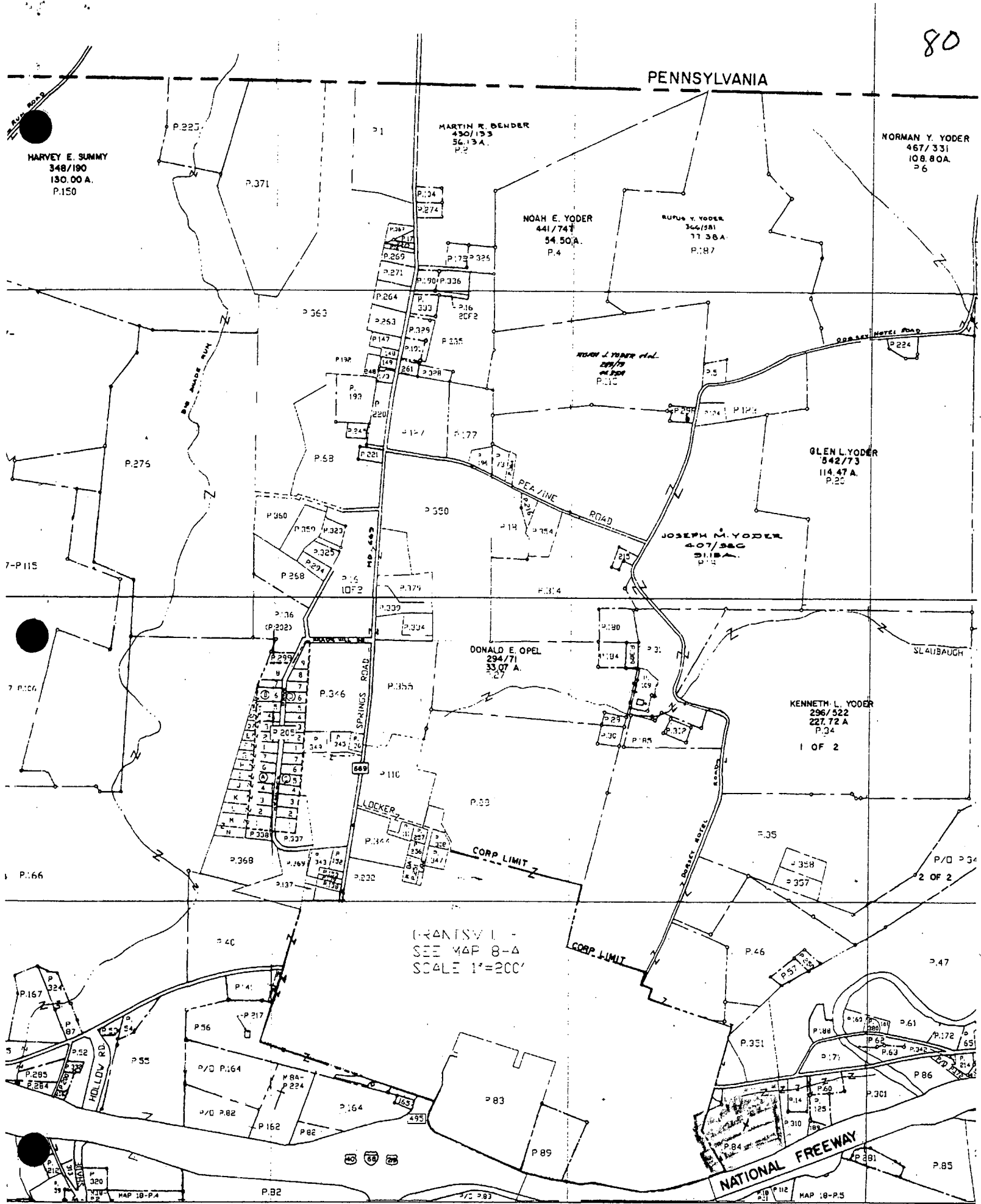
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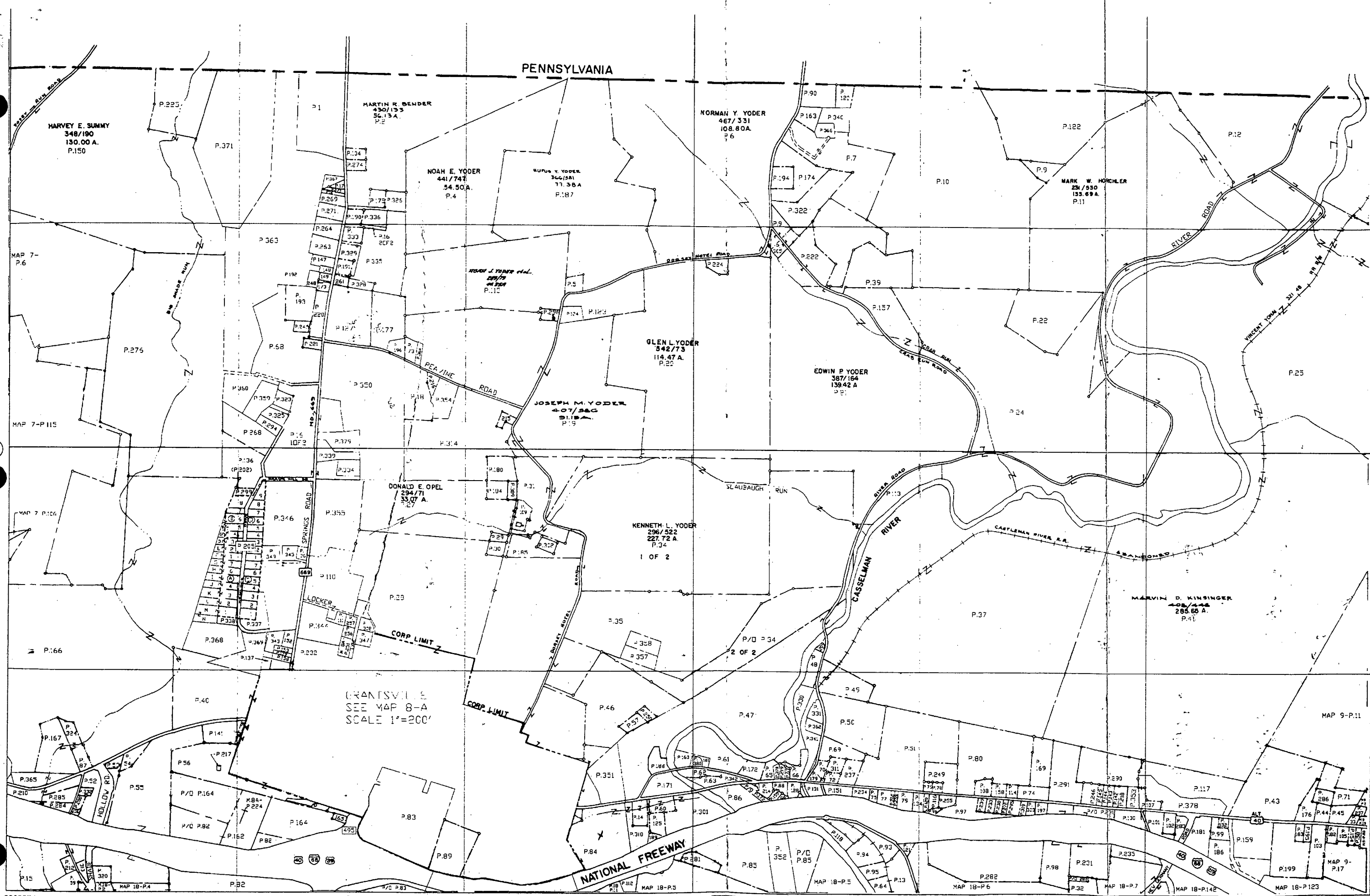
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Exempt Class: DISABLED VETERANS

Special Tax Recapture:

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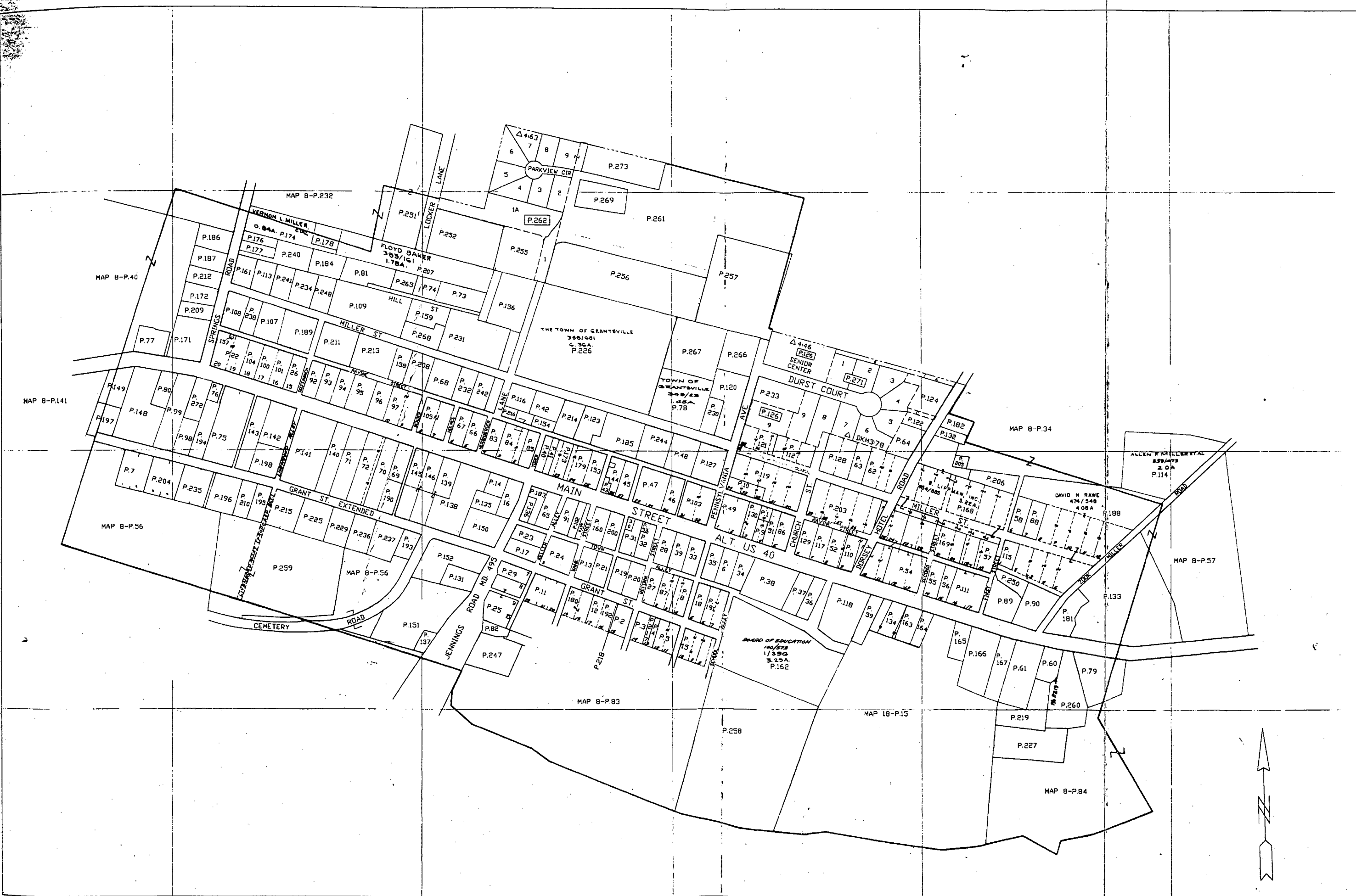
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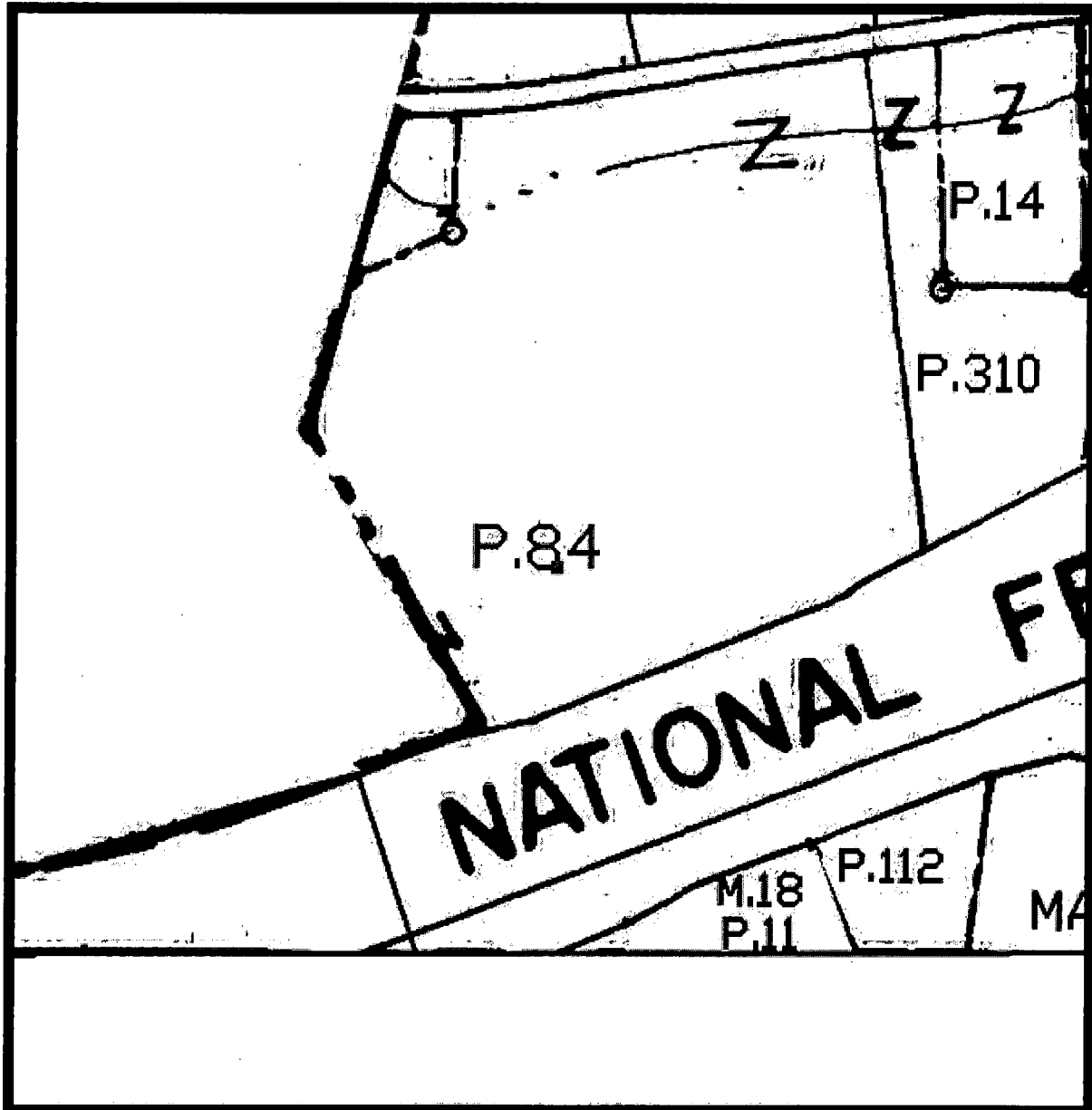
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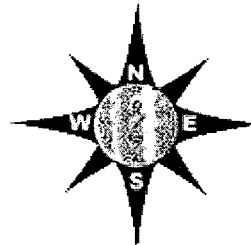
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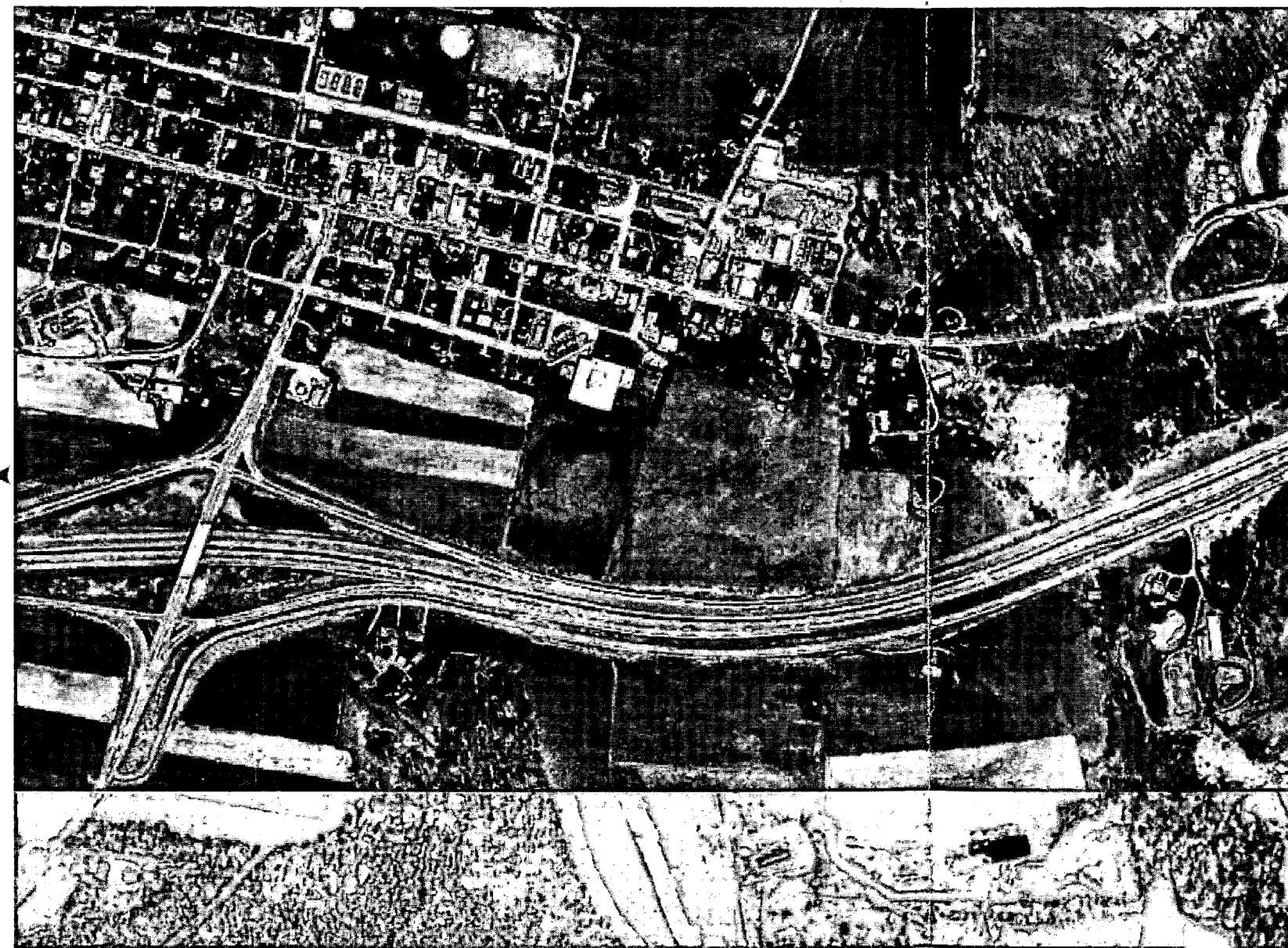
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Maryland Department of Transportation

January 14, 2004

The Honorable Nathaniel Exum  
Senate of Maryland  
303 James Senate Office Building  
110 College Avenue  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Exum:

This letter is a follow-up to your recent telephone conversation with Ms. Nicole Ross, Special Assistant to our Director of Environmental Design, regarding a sound barrier for the Vista Gardens community, located along westbound US 50, just east of Lottsford Vista Road, in Prince George's County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide the following information.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers in two circumstances, designated "Type I" and "Type II." In "Type I" situations, barriers are considered when a new highway is being built or an existing highway is being expanded. The existing nearby sound barriers along US 50 in the vicinity of Lottsford Vista Road were completed in 1998, as part of the improvements that were made to US 50 at that time. The Vista Gardens community is adjacent to westbound US 50 and is bordered on the east side by Folly Branch, on the south side by US 50, and on the west side by Lottsford Vista Road. When the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the improvements to US 50 was approved in 1982, the Vista Gardens community did not exist. Therefore, no noise abatement was warranted for the portion of westbound US 50 between Folly Branch and Lottsford Vista Road.

When a highway already exists and is *not* being expanded—so that Type I criteria do not apply—a community that predates the original highway may be considered for our "Type II," or "retrofit," sound barrier program. The intent of the Type II program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analyses became a part of the highway development process. All of the following technical criteria must be met for a Type II barrier to be approved: the majority of impacted homes must predate the highway; existing noise levels must equal or exceed the 66-decibel impact threshold; and we must be able to build an effective barrier for \$50,000 or less per benefited home. If these criteria are met, the county in which the community is located must have an ordinance that addresses the impact of highway traffic noise on new residential development, and the county must agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost.

My telephone number/toll-free number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770  
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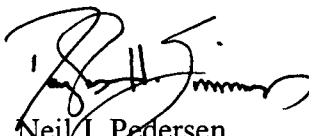
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The Vista Gardens community has been evaluated by SHA to determine if it meets the technical requirements for a Type II sound barrier as outlined above. Construction of the homes in this community began in 1999, and the newest homes were constructed in 2003. The majority of the homes were constructed between 2000 and 2002. Based on this information, we cannot consider the Vista Gardens community for a Type II sound barrier, because the majority of the homes were built after the 1954 opening of US 50.

Thank you for your telephone call and your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640, 1-800-446-5962, or [cadams@sha.state.md.us](mailto:cadams@sha.state.md.us). He will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,

  
s/ Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA  
The Honorable Joanne C. Benson, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable David C. Harrington, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable Carolyn J.B. Howard, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
Ms. Nicole Ross, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, SHA  
The Honorable Michael L. Vaughn, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, SHA

The Honorable Nathaniel Exum  
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bcc: Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, Director of Communications, SHA  
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA  
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA  
Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, MDOT  
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA  
Mrs. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA

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**Responding to letter dated:** Follow-up to recent telephone conversations between Sen. Exum and Ms. Nicole Ross regarding a sound barrier for the Vista Gardens community along westbound US 50 between Folly Branch and Lottsford Vista Road; Sen. Exum contends that the community predates and should be eligible for a barrier; existing nearby barriers were Type I barriers and recommended in 19892 FEIS for improvements to US 50; at the time of the approval of the FEIS, the Vista Gardens community did not exist; the barriers were completed in 1998; the first homes in the Vista Gardens community were built in 1999 (approx. 15%); majority of homes were built between 2000 and 2002 (57%); built in 2003 (28% )

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Maryland Department of Transportation

September 23, 2004

Mr. Robert L. Fisher  
District Engineer  
State Highway Administration  
5111 Buckeystown Pike  
Frederick MD 21704-8305

Dear Mr. Fisher:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Singer Height and Westwood communities regarding the proposed sound barriers along MD 30 By-pass, just north of Houcksville Road, in Carroll County. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2004, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Cafeteria of the Shiloh Middle School, 3675 Willow Street, Hampstead. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sound barrier proposed for this project and to seek concurrence on the construction of a barrier from at least 75 percent of the owners whose homes will be *both impacted* by highway noise in the design year 2020 *and benefited* by a barrier. "Impacted" homes are those which are predicted to experience either: a 10-decibel increase in highway noise levels over existing conditions; or highway noise levels of 66 decibels or more that would be at least 3 decibels higher in 2020 than if the highway had not been built. "Benefited" homes are those for which a barrier will provide at least a 3-decibel reduction in highway noise (if they are impacted) or a 5-decibel reduction (if they are not impacted). We will distribute vote cards to qualifying owners who attend the meeting and will mail vote cards, along with materials that are distributed at the meeting, to qualifying owners who are unable to attend.

My telephone number/toll-free number is ~~410-545-8640~~ or ~~1-800-446-5962~~  
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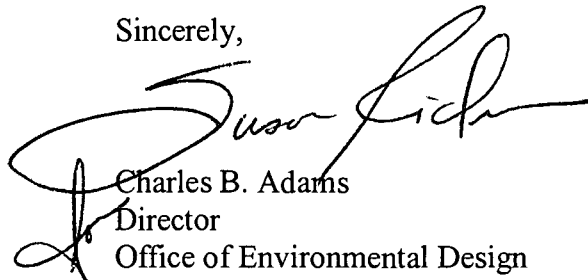
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Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Nicole Ross, of our staff, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at [nross@sha.state.md.us](mailto:nross@sha.state.md.us). She will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Adams  
Director  
Office of Environmental Design

cc: Mr. Cornelius Barmer, Project Engineer, Office of Highway Design, State Highway Administration  
The Honorable Larry E. Haines, Member, Senate of Maryland  
The Honorable Christopher M. Nevin, Mayor, Town of Hampstead  
Ms. Nicole Ross, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration  
The Honorable Nancy R. Stocksdales, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable Tanya A. Thornton-Shewell, Member, Maryland House of Delegates

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bcc: Ms. Karen Arnold, Environmental Analyst, Office of Planning and Preliminary  
Engineering, State Highway Administration  
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Joseph Kresslein, Assistant Division Chief, Project Planning, Office of Planning and  
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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

February 11, 2004

Mr. Robert L. Fisher  
District Engineer  
State Highway Administration  
5111 Buckeystown Pike  
Frederick MD 21704-8305

  
Dear Mr. Fisher:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Allview Estates community regarding the sound barrier project along northbound US 29 between Seneca Drive and the ramp to eastbound Broken Land Parkway. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2004, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Banneker Room, located on the first floor of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sound barrier for the community and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least 75 percent of the impacted property owners that would benefit from the barrier. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to those impacted homeowners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of 66 decibels or greater. The purpose of the vote will be to obtain agreement on the construction of sound barriers in order that we may continue to proceed with the design of the barriers.

Property owners who are unable to attend this meeting will receive a summary of the meeting and copies of all materials distributed at the meeting approximately seven to ten days following the meeting. Voting cards will also be included for impacted property owners who are unable to attend the meeting.

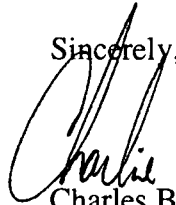
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Sincerely,



Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

cc: James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration  
Ms. Nicole Ross, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

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Transportation  
Mr. T.E. Severe, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

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**Responding to letter dated:** Invitation to D-7 District Engineer Robert L. Fisher to attend the SHA-hosted community informational meeting for the Allview Estates community on 03-18-2004 in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City; meeting to run from 7 to 9 pm with displays available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

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October 21, 2004

The Honorable Brian E. Frosh  
The Honorable William A. Bronrott  
The Honorable Marilyn R. Goldwater  
The Honorable Susan C. Lee  
Sixteenth District Delegation  
2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Dear Senator Frosh and Delegates Bronrott, Goldwater, and Lee:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Neal Bobys, of 10701 Lady Slipper Terrace in Rockville, and for forwarding a copy of Mr. Bobys' recent letter to you. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to Mr. Bobys' concerns.

You asked us to provide a complete report on the issues raised by Mr. Bobys. We feel that his questions fall into two basic categories. Specifically, it appears that Mr. Bobys is suggesting that:

1. today's noise levels are likely greater than those predicted for the design year (2010) in the 1989 environmental evaluation for the 1997 median widening (the last capacity improvement for this highway); and
2. more recent work related to the Old Georgetown Road and Rockledge Drive interchanges increased the exposure of the community to noise through the removal of vegetation.

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September 24, 2004

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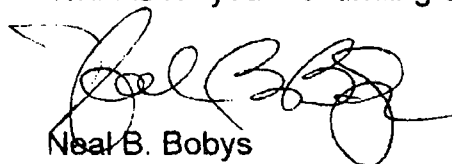
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Current Owner: Severe, Ted  
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| 10701                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Lady Slipper Terrace |                                    | MO                 | Rockville                                       | 20852-3403  | private                             |  |
| Elected Official whom has communicated directly to us on this custome                                                                                                                                                                                     |                      |                                    |                    | Dist. 16 Delegation (Sen. Frosh et al           |             |                                     |  |
| DAY PHONE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                      | HOME PHONE                         |                    | E-Mail address                                  |             | COMMUNITY                           |  |
| 301-984-7037 (?)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                      | 301-984-7677                       |                    | nbobys@yahoo.com                                |             | Timberlawn                          |  |
| Logical Project Limits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                      | ROADWAY: I-270                     |                    | BarrierName                                     |             |                                     |  |
| NE quadrant of MD 187/I-270 East Spur interchange                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                      |                                    |                    |                                                 |             |                                     |  |
| RESPONSE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                      |                                    |                    | INQUIRY                                         |             |                                     |  |
| described Type I & II criteria; Timberlawn comm fails for date; I-270 ES opened in 1964; majority of homes on Lady Slipper Ter built in 1981                                                                                                              |                      |                                    |                    | noise levels at this address are high; what can |             |                                     |  |
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| LAST action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                      | Letter signed date: 06/14/2004     |                    | Reason Letter is Late n/a                       |             |                                     |  |
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| 07-21-04 Rec'd letter from Dist. 16 Delegation thru WCS; they forwarded a letter from Mr. Bobys to them as his response to the 06-14-04 letter to the delegation from Admin. Pedersen; interim response sent 7-30-04 with full response due by end-Aug 04 |                      |                                    |                    |                                                 |             |                                     |  |
| 6-3-04 CBA rec'd letter from Dist 16 delegation to investigate noise situation at Mr. Bobys' home and report back to delegation                                                                                                                           |                      |                                    |                    |                                                 |             |                                     |  |
| All Elected Officials: 06-2004 EO's - Dist. 16 - Sen. Brian E. Frosh, Dels. William Bronrott, Marilyn Goldwater, Susan C. Lee; MO Cncl Howard A. Denis                                                                                                    |                      |                                    |                    |                                                 |             |                                     |  |
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Brian E. Frosh William A. Bronrott Marilyn Goldwater Susan C. Lee

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Enclosure



## Neal B. Bobys

10701 Lady Slipper Terrace Rockville, MD 20852  
Phone & Fax: 301-984-7037 E-mail: nbobys@yahoo.com

July 5, 2004

The Honorable Brian E. Frosh  
Senate of Maryland  
2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Dear Brian,

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Thank you for your continued assistance in correcting this injustice to your constituents.

Sincerely,

Neal B. Bobys

WINDWOOD TRANSFER - TYPE II

HIGHWAY WALL - CONC. SCREEN FENCE W/  
CONSTRUCTIVE UP NEW INTERCHANGE  
COMM. DONATED LAND FOR SCREEN FENCE

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KANA-

Per 8/12/04  
Lum for Dan WOR  
to CBS -  
agree w/ PHS  
Dec 1/04

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From: Charles Adams  
To: SHAADM.PWilliams  
Date: 9/17/98 7:44am

I met with +/- 25 homeowners of the Cloisters/Timberlawn community last evening. This area is located along the northbound side of the I-270 east spur. Senator Frosh and Delegates Kopp and Goldwater were also in attendance.

I explained that this area does not qualify for a sound barrier because of the date of the homes (Type II) and that a barrier was not approved when the highway was widened because of only a 1-2 decibel change between no-build and build noise levels. I also went over all of the other eligibility criteria for both program components. Needless to say, they didn't accept any of the explanation. They feel that if noise levels are above the impact threshold, then a barrier should be built regardless of when the homes were built.

They also expressed concern that when a barrier is built on the opposite side of the highway that noise levels will increase in their community. I discussed the use of absorptive treatment to reduce the chance of noise being reflected off of the barrier.

The bottom line is that they feel they must influence a change in the policy. One person who lives along I-495 where we built a barrier that was partly financed by the community indicated that the Department had promised that when the policy was revised it would be accomplished through the COMAR process to allow public comment. I don't ever recall any discussion to this effect and asked him to send me any documentation that he might have.

Senator Frosh indicated to them that the delegation would continue to work to try and find a way that a barrier could be approved and that they would write to you to request that new noise measurements be taken to determine if our modeling projections were accurate or underestimated.

Charlie

CC: DRose, NPedersen, SHAD3.CWatkins, NHardy, JHade, M...



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**Date:** 08/12/2004 12:08:58 PM  
**Subject:** Noise inquiry from Congressman Hollen

Charlie,

Thanks very much for forwarding copies of SHA's previous correspondence with elected officials on behalf of Mr. Neal Bobys' complaint about noise levels at his residence adjacent to the I-270E spur, as well as a copy of the 1995 noise study which was prepared for improvements to I-270 E Spur including the interchange with MD 187.

Attached is our proposed response.

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Daniel W. Johnson  
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August 10, 2004

Mr. Christopher Van Hollen,  
Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
51 Monroe Street, Suite 507  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Representative Van Hollen:

This is in response to your July 13th letter to the U.S. Department of Transportation on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Neal Bobys, who resides at 10701 Lady Slipper Terrace in the Timberlawn Community of Rockville. According to the attached letter from Mr. Bobys, his concerns relate to noise levels associated with I-270, which lies adjacent to his property. We appreciate the opportunity to respond to your inquiry. Attached for your information is a response provided by Maryland State Highway Administrator Neil Pedersen to State Senator Brian E. Frosh dated June 14, 2004 regarding Mr. Bobys' situation.

We have researched past documentation including the 1995 noise analysis completed by the Maryland State Highway Administration (MD SHA) for the I-270 at MD 187 and I-270 Spur at Democracy Boulevard project which proposed modification to the existing interchanges to address capacity and safety deficiencies. Construction of this project was completed in 2003. MD SHA's analysis and conclusions appear to be in accordance with policies that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) had approved as being in conformance with FHWA regulations regarding Noise Abatement consideration (Title 23 CFR Part 772).

Since the Timberlawn Community in which Mr. Bobys resides was constructed in 1980's, it postdates the 1964 opening of the I-270 East Spur and therefore, does not qualify under the Type II (retrofit) noise barrier program.

We do understand the concern and frustration of many residents like Mr. Bobys, who have lived adjacent to Interstate highways for many years, while many noise contributing factors associated with these highways has steadily increased (including the traffic volume, volume of heavy trucks, and duration of high volume of vehicles using those roadways). MD SHA is currently considering modifications to their existing noise abatement policy. We have scheduled a meeting with MD SHA to discuss proposed modifications to their existing noise abatement policy and will include this situation in that discussion. We must point out that any future modifications to SHA noise abatement policy will only apply to future projects.

We, again, thank you for the opportunity to respond to your letter. If you have additional questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Dan Johnson of my staff at 410-779-7154 or [DanW.Johnson@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:DanW.Johnson@fhwa.dot.gov).

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Sincerely,

Nelson J. Castellanos  
Division Administrator

Enclosure

cc:  
Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA  
Mr. Neil Pedersen, SHA  
Mr. Robert Armstrong, HEPN



**Maryland Department of Transportation**  
**The Secretary's Office**

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Lt. Governor

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Deputy Secretary

July 30, 2004

The Honorable Brian E. Frosh  
The Honorable William A. Bronrott  
The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater  
The Honorable Susan C. Lee  
Sixteenth District Delegation  
2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Dear Senator Frosh and Delegates Bronrott, Goldwater, and Lee:

Thank you for your letter regarding your constituent, Mr. Neal B. Bobys, of 10701 Lady Slipper Terrace, Rockville. He requests a sound barrier for the Timberlawn community, which is located in the northeast quadrant of the I-270 East Spur/MD 187 (Old Georgetown Road) interchange in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to you.

Mr. Bobys presents concerns that require additional research before a thorough response can be made. We appreciate your patience and understanding while this research is conducted. We anticipate being able to provide you with our response by the end of August.

Thank you again for your letter on behalf of Mr. Bobys. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's (SHA) Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640, 1-800-446-5962 or [cadams@sha.state.md.us](mailto:cadams@sha.state.md.us). He will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,

  
Robert L. Flanagan  
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA  
Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator, SHA

My telephone number is 410-865-1000  
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7201 Corporate Center Drive, Hanover, Maryland 21076

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**Serial #:** WCS 16565

**OED Serial#:** None

**Noise Customer #:** 2805

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*"We have received the enclosed letter from our constituent, Neal Bobys, regarding noise and pollution levels and abatement in his neighborhood. He raises serious questions. Would you please look into this matter and provide us with a complete report."*

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Maryland Department of Transportation

June 14, 2004

The Honorable Brian E. Frosh  
Senate of Maryland  
2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

The Honorable William A. Bronrott  
The Honorable Marilyn R. Goldwater  
The Honorable Susan C. Lee  
Maryland House of Delegates  
2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Dear Senator Frosh and Delegates Bronrott, Goldwater, and Lee:

Thank you for your recent letter to Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Neal B. Bobys, who resides at 10701 Lady Slipper Terrace, Rockville in the Timberlawn community located in the northeast quadrant of the MD 187 (Old Georgetown Road)/I-270 East spur interchange in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your inquiry.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers in two circumstances, designated "Type I" and "Type II." In "Type I" situations, barriers are considered when a new highway is being built or an existing highway is being expanded. At this time, we have no plans to improve this portion of the I-270 East Spur that would warrant a Type I sound barrier evaluation.

For the median widening improvement to the I-270 East Spur adjacent to the Timberlawn community in the early 1990s, SHA performed an environmental analysis to determine if future noise levels would equal or exceed the 67-decibel impact threshold (in effect at that time) and would increase by at least five-decibels over the condition of *not* improving the highway, and, if so, whether those noise levels could be reduced for a reasonable cost. The results of the analysis determined that, in the design year 2010, the difference in the predicted noise levels between building the improvements and not building the improvements was two to three decibels. Since this difference was not five-decibels or greater, noise abatement was not recommended.

The Timberlawn community was also analyzed in the March 1997 *Finding of No Significant Impact I-270 at MD 187 and I-270 Spur at Democracy Boulevard* for the construction of the new interchange at I-270 and Rockledge Drive, in which the "no-build" condition consisted of the 6-lane divided highway. The cumulative effects analysis determined that the change in noise levels from building the improvements in design year 2020 would be approximately three decibels above the worst case noise levels for the original 4-lane highway and the condition of not building the improvements. The interchange construction project provided no through-capacity improvement for the I-270 East Spur. Because there was no significant increase in predicted noise levels between the "build" and "no-build" conditions, noise abatement was not recommended.

My telephone number/toll-free number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770  
Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech 1.800.735.2258 Statewide Toll Free

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The Honorable Brian E. Frosh  
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When a highway already exists and is *not* being expanded—so that Type I criteria do not apply—a community that predates the original highway may be considered for our “Type II,” or “retrofit,” sound barrier program. The intent of the Type II program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analyses became a part of the highway development process. All of the following technical criteria must be met for a Type II barrier to be approved: the majority of impacted homes must predate the highway; existing noise levels must equal or exceed the 66-decibel impact threshold; and an effective barrier must be able to be built for \$50,000 or less per benefited home. If these criteria are met, the county in which the community is located must have an ordinance that addresses the impact of highway traffic noise on new residential development, and the county must agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost.

The State Highway Administration has evaluated the Timberlawn community's eligibility for our Type II sound barrier program as outlined above. Our research has determined that the majority of the homes of the Timberlawn community were constructed in the 1980s after the 1964 opening date of the I-270 East Spur. Based on this information, the Timberlawn community cannot be considered for a Type II sound barrier because it postdates the I-270 East Spur.

Thank you again for your letter on behalf of Mr. Bobys and your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640, 1-800-446-5962 or [cadams@sha.state.md.us](mailto:cadams@sha.state.md.us). He will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

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Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Neal B. Bobys  
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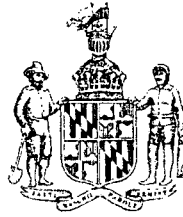
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THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
SIXTEENTH DISTRICT DELEGATION

June 2, 2004

Mr. Charles Adams  
Director-Environmental Design Office  
Room C-303  
SHA  
707 North Calvert Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Charlie:

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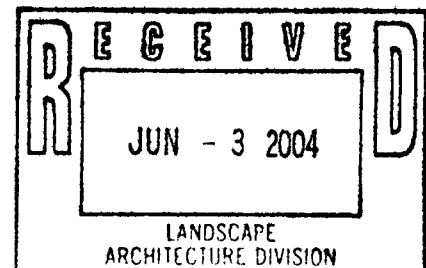
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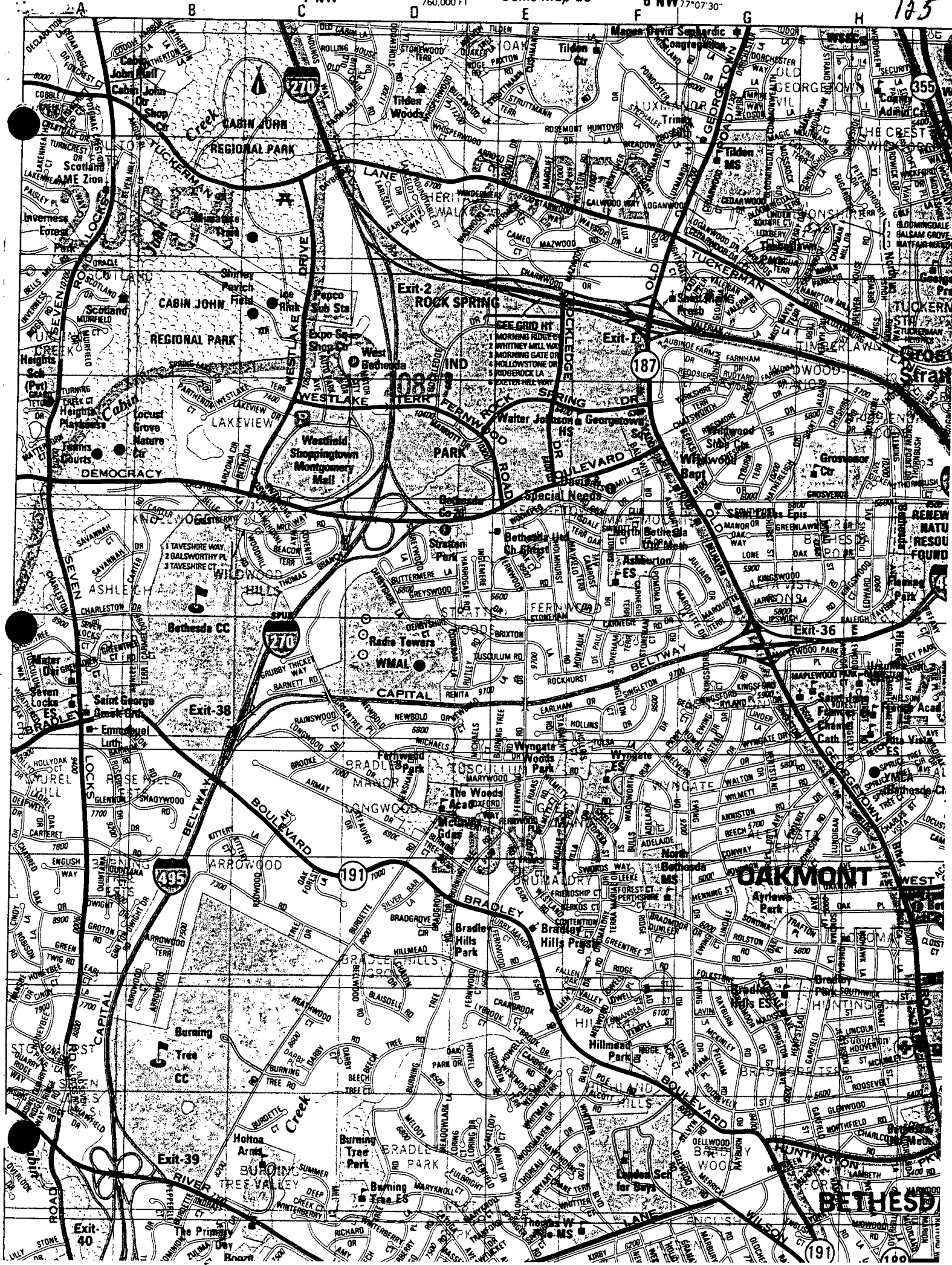
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## Owner Information

Owner Name: BOBYS, NEAL B & P L

Use: RESIDENTIAL

Principal Residence: YES

Mailing Address: 10701 LADY SLIPPER TERRACE  
ROCKVILLE MD 20852 - 3403

Deed Reference: 1) / 5787/ 340  
2)

301-984-7677

## Location &amp; Structure Information

## Premises Address

10701 LADY SLIPPER TER  
ROCKVILLE 20852

## Legal Description

TIMBERLAWN

| Map                     | Grid | Parcel   | Sub District                    | Subdlvislon   | Section            | Block | Lot | Group      | Plat No:  |
|-------------------------|------|----------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------|-----|------------|-----------|
| GP63                    |      |          |                                 | 49            |                    | K     | 10  | 80         | Plat Ref: |
| Special Tax Areas       |      |          | Town<br>Ad Valorem<br>Tax Class | 25            |                    |       |     |            |           |
| Primary Structure Built |      |          | Enclosed Area                   |               | Property Land Area |       |     | County Use |           |
| 1981                    |      |          | 3,272 SF                        |               | 12,812.00 SF       |       |     | 111        |           |
| Stories                 |      | Basement |                                 | Type          |                    |       |     | Exterior   |           |
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## Value Information

|                    | Base<br>Value | Value<br>As Of<br>01/01/2004 | Phase-In Assessments<br>As Of<br>07/01/2003 | As Of<br>07/01/2004 |
|--------------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Land:              | 147,840       | 293,010                      |                                             |                     |
| Improvements:      | 273,850       | 329,910                      |                                             |                     |
| Total:             | 421,690       | 622,920                      | 421,690                                     | 488,766             |
| Preferential Land: | 0             | 0                            | 0                                           | 0                   |

## Transfer Information

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| Seller:                    | Date: 10/27/1981   | Price: \$259,500 |
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## Exemption Information

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Special Tax Recapture:

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GO's - DIST. 16 - Sen Brian E. Frosh

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The map shows a residential area with the following details:

- Streets:** LADY SLIPPER TERR. (curved), GLOXINIA DRIVE (vertical), O. L. "K" VALERIAN (horizontal).
- Lot Numbers:** 8, 9, 11, 12, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 36, 37, 38, 39.
- Specific Addresses:**
  - Lot 36: (1481) POWERS 10717
  - Lot 10: (1481) 10 BOBBS 10701 (highlighted)
- Markers:**
  - Circled 'L' near lot 21.
  - Circled 'K' near lot 21.
  - Circled 'K' near lot 37.
- Other Features:** A dashed line representing a boundary or road at the bottom. A small area labeled 'PA' and 'T' is visible on the right side.

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| 10701                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Lady Slipper Terrace |                         | MO                  | Rockville                                               | 20852-3403         | private                             |                       |
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July 30, 2004

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Sixteenth District Delegation  
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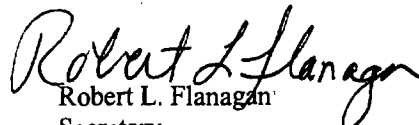
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Sincerely,

  
Robert L. Flanagan  
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA  
Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator, SHA

My telephone number is 410-865-1000  
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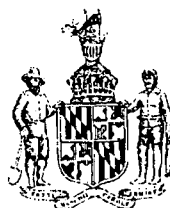
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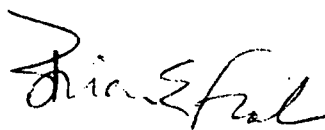


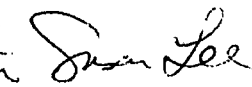
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Comments: Writes concerning their constituent, Mr. Neal Bobys, and his concern regarding noise at neighborhood.

## Neal B. Bobys

10701 Lady Slipper Terrace Rockville, MD 20852  
Phone & Fax: 301-984-7037 E-mail: nbobys@yahoo.com

July 5, 2004

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From: Charles Adams  
To: SHAADM.PWilliams  
Date: 9/17/98 7:44am

I met with +/- 25 homeowners of the Cloisters/Timberlawn community last evening. This area is located along the northbound side of the I-270 east spur. Senator Frosh and Delegates Kopp and Goldwater were also in attendance.

I explained that this area does not qualify for a sound barrier because of the date of the homes (Type II) and that a barrier was not approved when the highway was widened because of only a 1-2 decibel change between no-build and build noise levels. I also went over all of the other eligibility criteria for both program components. Needless to say, they didn't accept any of the explanation. They feel that if noise levels are above the impact threshold, then a barrier should be built regardless of when the homes were built.

They also expressed concern that when a barrier is built on the opposite side of the highway that noise levels will increase in their community. I discussed the use of absorptive treatment to reduce the chance of noise being reflected off of the barrier.

The bottom line is that they feel they must influence a change in the policy. One person who lives along I-495 where we built a barrier that was partly financed by the community indicated that the Department had promised that when the policy was revised it would be accomplished through the COMAR process to allow public comment. I don't ever recall any discussion to this effect and asked him to send me any documentation that he might have.

Senator Frosh indicated to them that the delegation would continue to work to try and find a way that a barrier could be approved and that they would write to you to request that new noise measurements be taken to determine if our modeling projections were accurate or underestimated.

Charlie

CC: DRose, NPedersen, SHAD3.CWatkins, NHardy, JHade, M...

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor  
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Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary  
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

June 14, 2004

The Honorable Brian E. Frosh  
Senate of Maryland  
2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

The Honorable William A. Bronrott  
The Honorable Marilyn R. Goldwater  
The Honorable Susan C. Lee  
Maryland House of Delegates  
2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Dear Senator Frosh and Delegates Bronrott, Goldwater, and Lee:

Thank you for your recent letter to Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Neal B. Bobys, who resides at 10701 Lady Slipper Terrace, Rockville in the Timberlawn community located in the northeast quadrant of the MD 187 (Old Georgetown Road)/I-270 East spur interchange in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your inquiry.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers in two circumstances, designated "Type I" and "Type II." In "Type I" situations, barriers are considered when a new highway is being built or an existing highway is being expanded. At this time, we have no plans to improve this portion of the I-270 East Spur that would warrant a Type I sound barrier evaluation.

For the median widening improvement to the I-270 East Spur adjacent to the Timberlawn community in the early 1990s, SHA performed an environmental analysis to determine if future noise levels would equal or exceed the 67-decibel impact threshold (in effect at that time) and would increase by at least five-decibels over the condition of *not* improving the highway, and, if so, whether those noise levels could be reduced for a reasonable cost. The results of the analysis determined that, in the design year 2010, the difference in the predicted noise levels between building the improvements and not building the improvements was two to three decibels. Since this difference was not five-decibels or greater, noise abatement was not recommended.

The Timberlawn community was also analyzed in the March 1997 *Finding of No Significant Impact I-270 at MD 187 and I-270 Spur at Democracy Boulevard* for the construction of the new interchange at I-270 and Rockledge Drive, in which the "no-build" condition consisted of the 6-lane divided highway. The cumulative effects analysis determined that the change in noise levels from building the improvements in design year 2020 would be approximately three decibels above the worst case noise levels for the original 4-lane highway and the condition of not building the improvements. The interchange construction project provided no through-capacity improvement for the I-270 East Spur. Because there was no significant increase in predicted noise levels between the "build" and "no-build" conditions, noise abatement was not recommended.

My telephone number/toll-free number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770  
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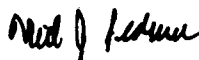
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The State Highway Administration has evaluated the Timberlawn community's eligibility for our Type II sound barrier program as outlined above. Our research has determined that the majority of the homes of the Timberlawn community were constructed in the 1980s after the 1964 opening date of the I-270 East Spur. Based on this information, the Timberlawn community cannot be considered for a Type II sound barrier because it postdates the I-270 East Spur.

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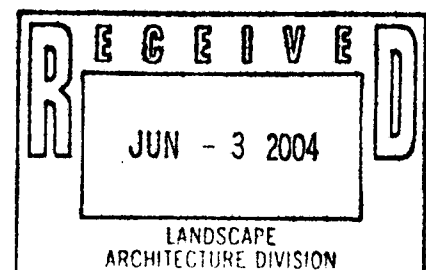
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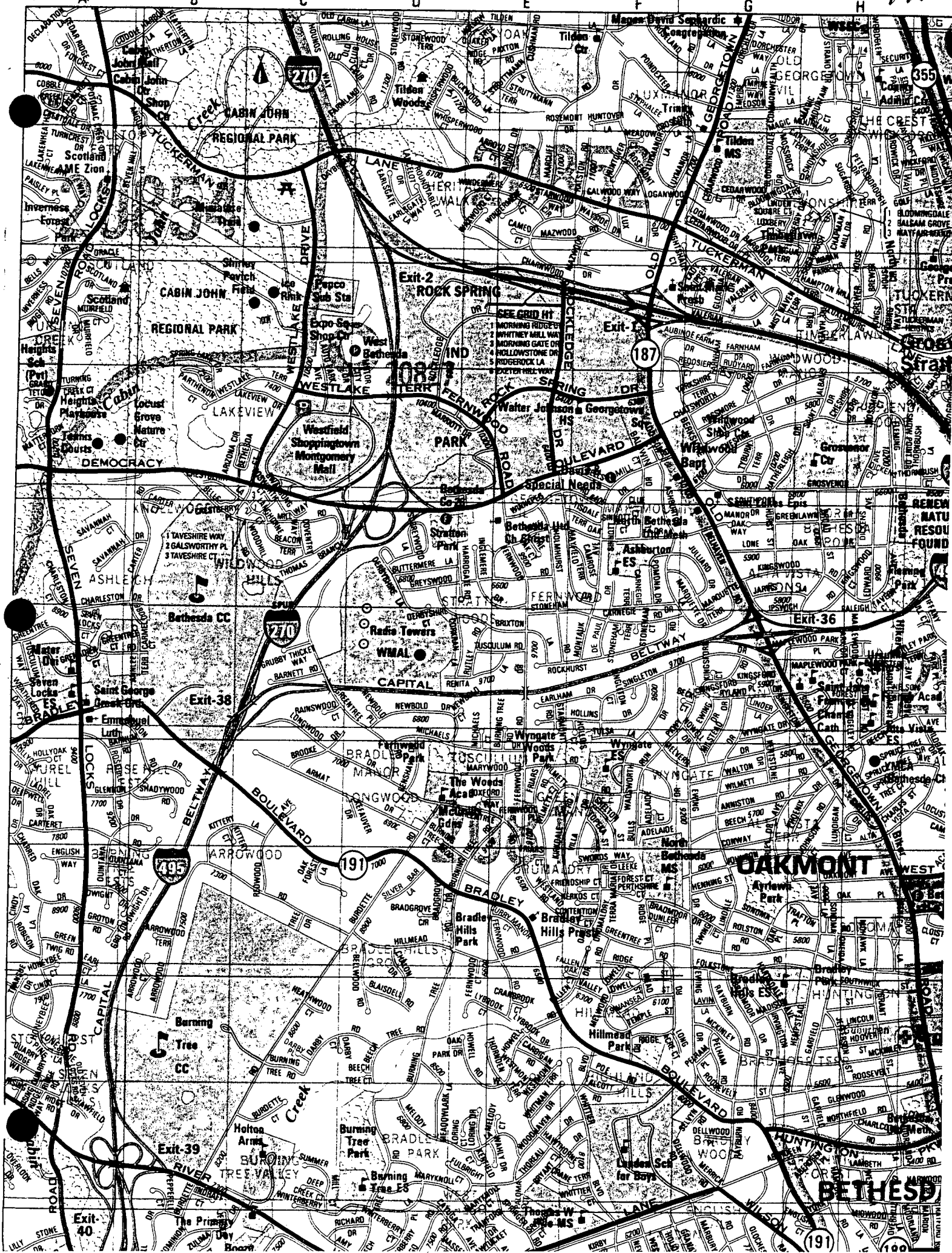
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Account Identifier: District - 04 Account Number - 01904798

## Owner Information

Owner Name: BOBYS, NEAL B & P L

Use: RESIDENTIAL

Principal Residence: YES

Mailing Address: 10701 LADY SLIPPER TERRACE  
ROCKVILLE MD 20852 - 3403

Deed Reference: 1) / 5787/ 340  
2)

301-984-7677

## Location &amp; Structure Information

Premises Address  
10701 LADY SLIPPER TER  
ROCKVILLE 20852

Legal Description  
TIMBERLAWN

|                                 |      |                 |                                 |                       |                                    |            |                   |                   |                       |
|---------------------------------|------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Map<br>GP63                     | Grid | Parcel          | Sub District                    | Subdlvision<br>49     | Section                            | Block<br>K | Lot<br>10         | Group<br>80       | Plat No:<br>Plat Ref: |
| Special Tax Areas               |      |                 | Town<br>Ad Valorem<br>Tax Class | 25                    |                                    |            |                   |                   |                       |
| Primary Structure Built<br>1981 |      |                 | Enclosed Area<br>3,272 SF       |                       | Property Land Area<br>12,812.00 SF |            |                   | County Use<br>111 |                       |
| Stories<br>2                    |      | Basement<br>YES |                                 | Type<br>STANDARD UNIT |                                    |            | Exterior<br>FRAME |                   |                       |

## Value Information

|                    | Base<br>Value | Value<br>As Of | Phase-in Assessments |                     |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
|                    |               | 01/01/2004     | As Of<br>07/01/2003  | As Of<br>07/01/2004 |
| Land:              | 147,840       | 293,010        |                      |                     |
| Improvements:      | 273,850       | 329,910        |                      |                     |
| Total:             | 421,690       | 622,920        | 421,690              | 488,766             |
| Preferential Land: | 0             | 0              | 0                    | 0                   |

## Transfer Information

|                            |                    |                  |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Seller:                    | Date: 10/27/1981   | Price: \$259,500 |
| Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH | Deed1: / 5787/ 340 | Deed2:           |
| Seller:                    | Date:              | Price:           |
| Type:                      | Deed1:             | Deed2:           |
| Seller:                    | Date:              | Price:           |
| Type:                      | Deed1:             | Deed2:           |

## Exemption Information

| Partial Exempt Assessments | Class | 07/01/2003 | 07/01/2004 |
|----------------------------|-------|------------|------------|
| County                     | 000   | 0          | 0          |
| State                      | 000   | 0          | 0          |
| Municipal                  | 000   | 0          | 0          |

Tax Exempt: NO  
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

\* NONE \*

GO's - DIST. 16 - Sen Brian E. Frosh

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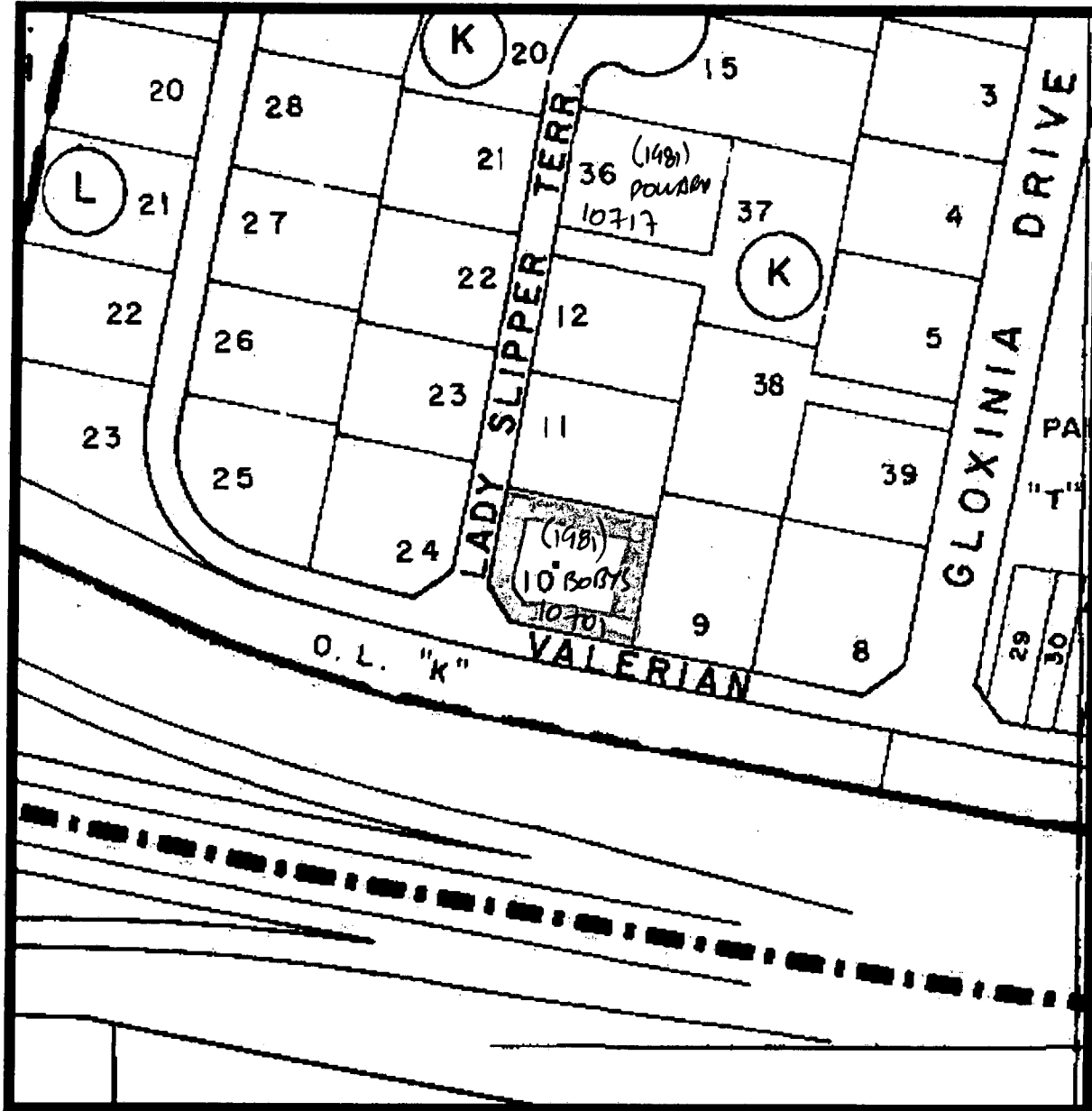
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|------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------|------------|
| <u>HERTZ PHILIP R &amp;</u>  | 04 01904936 | 10700 LADY SLIPPER 1982 | H       | GP63       |
| <u>BOBYS NEAL B &amp; P</u>  | 04 01904798 | 10701 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |
| <u>DUBIN JEFFREY S &amp;</u> | 04 01904925 | 10704 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |
| <u>CARBONELL JAIME G</u>     | 04 01904801 | 10705 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |
| <u>CLARO JORGE &amp; X</u>   | 04 01904914 | 10708 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |
| <u>GARDNER MARSHA W</u>      | 04 01904812 | 10709 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |
| <u>MELNICK RICHARD J</u>     | 04 01904903 | 10712 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |
| <u>VANNOY GUY &amp; V C</u>  | 04 02038297 | 10713 LADY SLIPPER 1982 | H       | GP63       |
| → <u>POLLARD HARVEY B</u>    | 04 02038286 | 10717 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |
| <u>VAN DER WEES GERR</u>     | 04 01904891 | 10720 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |
| <u>MARTIN SYDNEY E 3</u>     | 04 01904845 | 10721 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |
| <u>MILLER ARNOLD S &amp;</u> | 04 01904880 | 10724 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |
| <u>SIEGEL MARK E &amp; K</u> | 04 01904856 | 10725 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |
| <u>STRAND MICHAEL W</u>      | 04 01904878 | 10728 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |
| <u>WEINSTEIN MICHAEL</u>     | 04 01904867 | 10729 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |

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## REPORT ON TRAFFIC NOISE MEASUREMENT STUDY

I-270 EAST SPUR  
Community of Timberlawn  
(March/April, 1993)

The data summarized in this report was collected in March and April, 1993 in the community of Timberlawn which is situated adjacent to the westbound lanes of the I-270 East Spur, east of the Old Georgetown Road interchange. Short-term testing for 10-20 minutes duration at each location yielded the results given in Table 1 column 3. In addition, two 24-hour measurements were conducted to determine the extent and severity of noise levels during rush hour traffic periods. Comparing the non-rush hour and rush hour levels, for the same time period, adjusted Leq (average) noise levels were generated and are shown in Table 1 column 4. These are the worst-case noise levels that could be expected during the hour when traffic conditions would produce the HIGHEST noise levels. All values are average noise levels given in decibels (dBA).

Exhibit 1 shows the community layout and the locations of each measurement site. Tables 2 and 3 give the hourly noise levels measured during the two 24-hour measurement tests. Exhibits 2 and 3 show the same data graphically.

Exhibit 4 shows the impacted residences based on the worst-case noise levels. Those residences from 10710 through 10724 experience noise levels above the impact threshold of 67 dBA, BUT ONLY AT THE DECK LEVEL (I.E. 10-15 FEET ABOVE THE BACKYARD GROUND ELEVATION). Noise levels in the back yards at ground level do not meet or exceed the impact threshold. This indicates that the earth berms built as part of the Timberlawn development are providing shielding from traffic noise for ground level receptors within the community.

Only at the tennis courts (site 7) were noise levels found to exceed the impact threshold.

TABLE 1

SUMMARY OF NOISE LEVELS  
Community of Timberlawn  
I-270 East Spur

| LOCATION/DESCRIPTION                                                                    | TIME OF TEST                    | Noise Level (dBA)  |                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
|                                                                                         |                                 | Meas. <sup>1</sup> | Adjust. <sup>2</sup> |
| 1 - Atop berm behind 10502 Pine Haven Terrace (Sanders)                                 | 11:30-11:50 am                  | 62                 | 63                   |
| 2 - Ground level patio behind 10502 Pine Haven Terrace                                  | 11:30-11:50 am<br>1:35- 1:55 pm | 60<br>59           | 61<br>61             |
| 3 - Atop berm behind 10710 Pine Haven Terrace (O'Neill)                                 | 12:50- 1:10 pm                  | 68                 | 70                   |
| 4 - Side yard (ground level), setback even with back deck of 10710 Pine Haven Terrace   | 12:50- 1:10 pm<br>1:35- 1:55 pm | 60<br>61           | 62<br>63             |
| 5 - Atop back deck of 10710 Pine Haven Terrace                                          | 2:25- 2:45 pm<br>2:45- 3:05 pm  | 69<br>68           | 71<br>70             |
| 6 - Corner of Valerian La. and Gloxinia Dr.<br>(NSA <sup>3</sup> 6, I-270 East Spur EA) | 3:25- 3:35 pm                   | 62                 | 64                   |
| 7 - Tennis courts on Valerian La. adjacent to I-270 ROW<br>(NSA 7, I-270 East Spur EA)  | 3:00- 3:20 pm<br>3:20- 3:40 pm  | 68<br>66           | 70<br>68             |
| 8 - Side yard of 10601 Mist Haven Terrace (ground level)                                | 2:35- 2:55 pm                   | 63                 | 65                   |

<sup>1</sup> - short-term measurements of 10-20 minutes duration conducted on March 26, 1993 between the hours of 11:30 am and 3:30 pm.

<sup>2</sup> - worst-case noise level based on comparison of short term measurements and 24-hour measurements conducted April 7-8 and 8-9, 1993.

<sup>3</sup> - noise sensitive area.



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NOISE MEASUREMENT DATA SHEET

DATE: 12/15/97

EQUIPMENT: METER (Serial No.) 1608

CALIBRATOR (Serial no.) 01807

CALIBRATION: START 102.0 dBA

END 102.0 dBA

WEATHER DATA / NOTES: TEMP. \_\_\_\_\_ APPROX. REL. HUMIDITY N/A %

APPROX. WIND SPEED 0-5 mph (near calm)

DIRECTION N/A (may also be noted on site diagram below)

ROUTE: I-270 LOCATION: East Spur (10700 Lady Slipper Tern.)

COMMUNITY: Timberlawn/Cloister

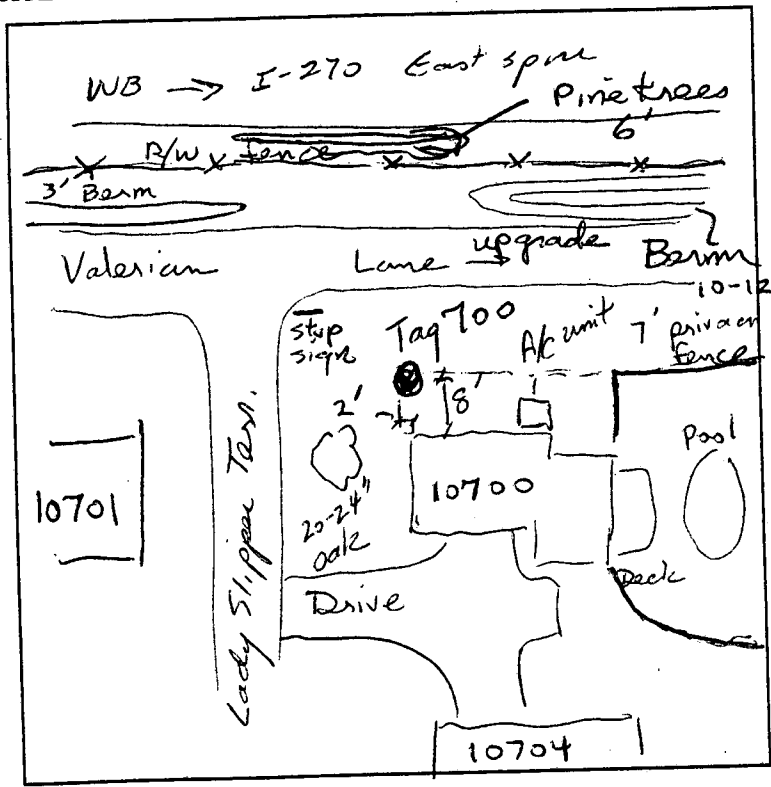
START TIME: 9:15 AM

INTERVAL LENGTH: 15 min

TEST DURATION: 24 Hrs.

SITE DIAGRAM

EVENTS LOG



Time Event

- 1) Estimate 10700 is 8'-10' above street level; overall area is 10-15' above I-270 roadway.
- 2) Hertz home is 2 story (split level) brick + frame.

TRAFFIC / OTHER NOTES: Home of

Philip Hertz.

## 24-HOUR NOISE MEASUREMENT STUDY

Test date: 12/15/97 -Start

12/16/97 -End

Route: I-270 East Spur

Location: 10700 Lady Slipper Terrace - Hertz Residence  
TIMBERLAWN / CLOISTERS

Sub-interval length (min.) -

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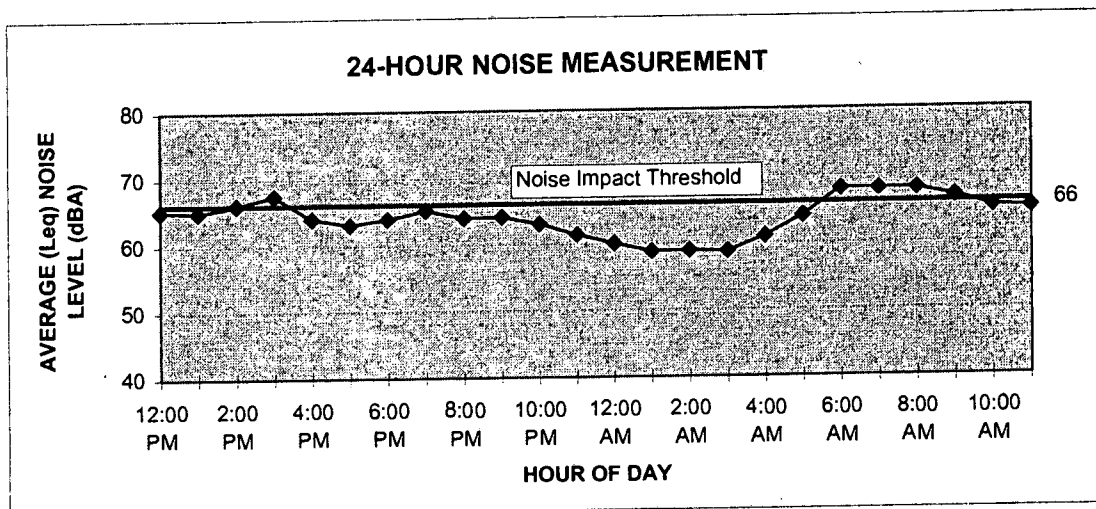
Number of sub-intervals/hour -

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| Interval | Sub-interval Leq                                         |      |      |      | Hourly Leq |        |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------------|--------|
|          | 1                                                        | 2    | 3    | 4    |            |        |
| 12:00 PM | 65.5                                                     | 65.4 | 65.1 | 64.8 | 65         | 15-Dec |
| 1:00 PM  | 64.9                                                     | 64.9 | 64.9 | 65.2 | 65         |        |
| 2:00 PM  | 65.8                                                     | 65.5 | 65.9 | 66.9 | 66         |        |
| 3:00 PM  | 66.3                                                     | 66.0 | 70.2 | 65.6 | 67         |        |
| 4:00 PM  | 66.3                                                     | 63.2 | 62.8 | 62.6 | 64         |        |
| 5:00 PM  | 63.6                                                     | 63.1 | 63.0 | 62.7 | 63         |        |
| 6:00 PM  | 63.4                                                     | 63.1 | 64.5 | 64.5 | 64         |        |
| 7:00 PM  | 65.9                                                     | 65.3 | 65.3 | 64.1 | 65         |        |
| 8:00 PM  | 64.1                                                     | 63.9 | 64.2 | 63.9 | 64         |        |
| 9:00 PM  | 63.8                                                     | 63.8 | 64.1 | 64.7 | 64         |        |
| 10:00 PM | 63.4                                                     | 63.2 | 62.9 | 62.6 | 63         | 16-Dec |
| 11:00 PM | 61.6                                                     | 61.7 | 61.4 | 60.9 | 61         |        |
| 12:00 AM | 60.5                                                     | 60.4 | 60.2 | 58.8 | 60         |        |
| 1:00 AM  | 59.1                                                     | 59.2 | 59.1 | 57.7 | 59         |        |
| 2:00 AM  | 57.2                                                     | 59.0 | 59.7 | 59.3 | 59         |        |
| 3:00 AM  | 58.5                                                     | 58.6 | 58.4 | 59.5 | 59         |        |
| 4:00 AM  |                                                          |      |      |      | 61         |        |
| 5:00 AM  | Measured data lost due to<br>battery failure in monitor. |      |      |      | 64         |        |
| 6:00 AM  |                                                          |      |      |      | 68         |        |
| 7:00 AM  |                                                          |      |      |      | 68         |        |
| 8:00 AM  |                                                          |      |      |      | 68         |        |
| 9:00 AM  |                                                          | 66.2 | 67.4 | 66.9 | 67         | 15-Dec |
| 10:00 AM | 65.3                                                     | 65.0 | 65.5 | 65.4 | 65         |        |
| 11:00 AM | 65.0                                                     | 65.1 | 65.0 | 65.3 | 65         |        |

**BOLD** indicates  
data generated  
from analysis of  
past 24-hour  
tests

Start



# ANALYSIS OF PAST 24-HOUR NOISE TESTS ALONG I-270 EAST SPUR

Purpose : To generate AM peak hour noise levels based upon increases documented in past 24-hour tests relative to pre-AM rush -hour. (columns (3) and (5)).

| BEGIN<br>HOUR | TEST LOCATIONS 1993                  |                 |                                      |                 | TEST LOCATION 1997                     |                 |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
|               | 10502 Pine Haven Terr.<br>(2)<br>Leq | (3)<br>Increase | 10710 Pine Haven Terr.<br>(4)<br>Leq | (5)<br>Increase | 10700 Lady Slipper Terr.<br>(6)<br>Leq | (7)<br>Increase |
| 2:00 AM       | 55                                   | --              | 60                                   | --              | 59                                     | --              |
| 3:00 AM       | 55                                   | --              | 60                                   | --              | 59                                     | --              |
| 4:00 AM       | 58                                   | 3               | 62                                   | 2               | <b>62</b>                              | 3               |
| 5:00 AM       | 60                                   | 5               | 65                                   | 5               | <b>64</b>                              | 5               |
| 6:00 AM       | 61                                   | 6               | 69                                   | 9               | <b>68</b>                              | 9               |
| 7:00 AM       | 63                                   | 8               | 69                                   | 9               | <b>68</b>                              | 9               |
| 8:00 AM       | 62                                   | 7               | 69                                   | 9               | <b>68</b>                              | 9               |
| 9:00 AM       | 63                                   | 8               | 68                                   | 8               | 67                                     | 8               |

Notes: a) All values are given in decibels (dBA), unless otherwise noted.

b) Two prior 24-hour tests were analyzed to determine the hour-to-hour increase in noise with the onset of the AM rush-hour traffic period.

c) From the data collected during the latest (1997) test just prior to the AM rush-hour traffic period, an hourly increase in noise (column (7)) was determined as the greater of the two increase values given in columns (3) and (5).

d) the **BOLD** Leq values (column (6)) are **calculated** as the sum of the 2AM/3AM Leq and the hourly increase (column (7)).

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**From:** TED SEVERE  
**To:** CLAIRE DEBAKEY  
**Subject:** Re: WCS 16565 to the District 16 Delegation (Sen. Frosh et al)

Dear Claire - Thanks for the reply. I already have a copy of the 14 June letter in our folder. Do I have a .pdf version of that letter made and attach it to the file for transmission to "Donna Austin?" Or should I just make a copy and hand carry/FAX same to you?

Respectfully,  
Ted Severe

>>> CLAIRE DEBAKEY 07/22/2004 3:15:09 PM >>>

That would be fine, esp. if you can get it here by mid-day. Please enclose a copy of the prior letter, about which the citizen complains.

Thanks!

>>> TED SEVERE 07/22/2004 2:59:18 PM >>>

Dear Claire -

I received a WCS letter by proxying Irene Helene and discovered that one came thru yesterday, 21 July. The response is for Sec. Flanagan to the members of the District 16 delegation (Sen. Frosh and Dels. Bronrott, Goldwater and Lee) on behalf of their constituent Mr. Neal Bobys, of the Timberlawn community adjacent to I-270 East Spur. Mr. Bobys' complaint is in response to our 14 June 2004 letter from Mr. Pedersen to the District 16 delegation (again on behalf of Mr. Bobys).

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[tsevere@sha.state.md.us](mailto:tsevere@sha.state.md.us)  
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**CC:** JIM HADE; NICOLE ROSS



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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor  
Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor

Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary  
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

June 14, 2004

The Honorable Brian E. Frosh  
Senate of Maryland  
2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

The Honorable William A. Bronrott  
The Honorable Marilyn R. Goldwater  
The Honorable Susan C. Lee  
Maryland House of Delegates  
2 East Miller Senate Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Dear Senator Frosh and Delegates Bronrott, Goldwater, and Lee:

Thank you for your recent letter to Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Neal B. Bobys, who resides at 10701 Lady Slipper Terrace, Rockville in the Timberlawn community located in the northeast quadrant of the MD 187 (Old Georgetown Road)/I-270 East spur interchange in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your inquiry.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers in two circumstances, designated "Type I" and "Type II." In "Type I" situations, barriers are considered when a new highway is being built or an existing highway is being expanded. At this time, we have no plans to improve this portion of the I-270 East Spur that would warrant a Type I sound barrier evaluation.

For the median widening improvement to the I-270 East Spur adjacent to the Timberlawn community in the early 1990s, SHA performed an environmental analysis to determine if future noise levels would equal or exceed the 67-decibel impact threshold (in effect at that time) and would increase by at least five-decibels over the condition of *not* improving the highway, and, if so, whether those noise levels could be reduced for a reasonable cost. The results of the analysis determined that, in the design year 2010, the difference in the predicted noise levels between building the improvements and not building the improvements was two to three decibels. Since this difference was not five-decibels or greater, noise abatement was not recommended.

The Timberlawn community was also analyzed in the March 1997 *Finding of No Significant Impact I-270 at MD 187 and I-270 Spur at Democracy Boulevard* for the construction of the new interchange at I-270 and Rockledge Drive, in which the "no-build" condition consisted of the 6-lane divided highway. The cumulative effects analysis determined that the change in noise levels from building the improvements in design year 2020 would be approximately three decibels above the worst case noise levels for the original 4-lane highway and the condition of not building the improvements. The interchange construction project provided no through-capacity improvement for the I-270 East Spur. Because there was no significant increase in predicted noise levels between the "build" and "no-build" conditions, noise abatement was not recommended.

My telephone number/toll-free number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770  
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The Honorable Brian E. Frosh  
The Honorable William A. Bronrott  
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The Honorable Susan C. Lee

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When a highway already exists and is *not* being expanded—so that Type I criteria do not apply—a community that predates the original highway may be considered for our “Type II,” or “retrofit,” sound barrier program. The intent of the Type II program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analyses became a part of the highway development process. All of the following technical criteria must be met for a Type II barrier to be approved: the majority of impacted homes must predate the highway; existing noise levels must equal or exceed the 66-decibel impact threshold; and an effective barrier must be able to be built for \$50,000 or less per benefited home. If these criteria are met, the county in which the community is located must have an ordinance that addresses the impact of highway traffic noise on new residential development, and the county must agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost.

The State Highway Administration has evaluated the Timberlawn community's eligibility for our Type II sound barrier program as outlined above. Our research has determined that the majority of the homes of the Timberlawn community were constructed in the 1980s after the 1964 opening date of the I-270 East Spur. Based on this information, the Timberlawn community cannot be considered for a Type II sound barrier because it postdates the I-270 East Spur.

Thank you again for your letter on behalf of Mr. Bobys and your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640, 1-800-446-5962 or [cadams@sha.state.md.us](mailto:cadams@sha.state.md.us). He will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Neal B. Bobys  
The Honorable Howard A. Denis, Member, Montgomery County Council

The Honorable Brian E. Frosh  
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bcc: Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, Director of Communications, State Highway Administration  
 James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration  
 Mr. Steven L. Kreseski, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor  
 Mr. David Marks, Chief of Staff, Maryland Department of Transportation  
 Mr. Edward Miller, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor  
 Ms. Nicole Ross, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration  
 Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation  
 Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration  
 Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, State Highway Administration  
 Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Liaison, State Highway Administration  
 Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

**Serial #:** None

**OED Serial#:** None

**Noise Customer #:** 2805

**Responding to letter dated:** Follow-up to 06-02-2004 letter from the District 16 Delegation (Sen. Frosh and Dels. Bronrott, Goldwater and Lee) on behalf of their constituent, Mr. Neal B. Bobys; The Delegation wrote:

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SENIOR MANAGER

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PHONE CALL ☐ OTHER ☐

DATE RECEIVED BY ORIGINATING OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

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SUBJECT: BARRIER FOR TIMBERLAWN  
(1070. LAST SLIPPER TGR) -  
FAILS FOR DATE

FOR ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE USE

DATE IN: \_\_\_\_\_

REVISED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

RETURNED: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

PROOFED: \_\_\_\_\_

FOLLOW-UP: \_\_\_\_\_

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ADMINISTRATOR'S STAFF

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YOUR CONTACT PERSON AND PHONE: ~~NEIL~~ J. HADE x 8599

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THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
SIXTEENTH DISTRICT DELEGATION

June 2, 2004

Mr. Charles Adams  
Director-Environmental Design Office  
Room C-303  
SHA  
707 North Calvert Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Charlie:

We have received a call from our constituent, Mr. Neil Bobys, regarding the noise levels at his home at 10701 Lady Slipper Terrace. He advises that although the computer models project a noise level within federal limits, the noise at his property is actually above the limit. In addition, his County property tax assessment was reduced because of the noise levels at his home. Would you please look into this matter and provide us with a complete report.

We appreciate your assistance with this constituent concern.

Sincerely,

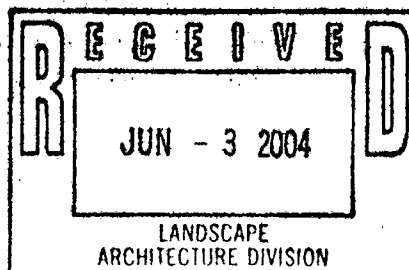
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| Customer Info. View for 2003                                                                                                                           |                      |                         |                     | Tuesday, June 08, 2004 10:43 AM                    |             | Admin                               |  |
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| ID #                                                                                                                                                   | MAP                  | DATE                    | Letter or Phone onl | LAST NAME                                          | FIRST NAME  | Active?                             |  |
| 2805                                                                                                                                                   |                      | 06/08/2004              | Letter              | BOBYS                                              | Mr. Neal B. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
| STREET#                                                                                                                                                | STREET NAME          |                         | COUNTY              | CITY (Post office                                  | ZIPCODE     | Representative statu                |  |
| 10701                                                                                                                                                  | Lady Slipper Terrace |                         | MO                  | Rockville                                          | 20852-3403  | private                             |  |
| Elected Official whom has communicated directly to us on this custome                                                                                  |                      |                         |                     | Dist. 16 Delegation (Sen. Frosh et al              |             |                                     |  |
| DAY PHONE                                                                                                                                              |                      | HOME PHONE              |                     | E-Mail address                                     |             | COMMUNITY                           |  |
|                                                                                                                                                        |                      | 301-984-7677            |                     |                                                    |             | Timberlawn                          |  |
| Logical Project Limits                                                                                                                                 |                      | ROADWAY: I-270          |                     | BarrierName                                        |             |                                     |  |
| NE quadrant of MD 187/I-270 East Spur Interchange                                                                                                      |                      |                         |                     |                                                    |             |                                     |  |
| RESPONSE1                                                                                                                                              |                      |                         |                     | INQUIRY                                            |             | 2nd Contact                         |  |
| described Type I & II criteria; Timberlawn comm fails for date; I-270 ES opened in 1964; majority of homes on Lady Slipper Ter built in 1981           |                      |                         |                     | noise levels at this address are high; what can    |             |                                     |  |
|                                                                                                                                                        |                      |                         |                     | SHA do?                                            |             |                                     |  |
| Last Contact                                                                                                                                           |                      | Researcher              |                     | Primary SHA Contact                                |             |                                     |  |
| 06/03/2004                                                                                                                                             |                      |                         |                     | None                                               |             | Construction Projects               |  |
| FILE LOCATIO                                                                                                                                           |                      | OTHER                   |                     | Current committmen                                 |             |                                     |  |
|                                                                                                                                                        |                      |                         |                     |                                                    |             |                                     |  |
| Do we owe a letter?                                                                                                                                    |                      | Letter Commit due date: |                     | 06/11/2004                                         |             |                                     |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                    |                      | Letter signed date      |                     | Reason Letter is Late                              |             | n/a                                 |  |
| LAST action                                                                                                                                            |                      |                         |                     |                                                    |             |                                     |  |
| 6-3-04 CBA rec'd letter from Dist 16 delegation to investigate noise situation at Mr. Bobys' home and report back to delegation                        |                      |                         |                     |                                                    |             |                                     |  |
| Comments: This field can not be sorted or searched.: OPPE or Hwy rep.current type 1 inf                                                                |                      |                         |                     |                                                    |             |                                     |  |
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| All Elected Officials: 06-2004 EO's - Dist. 16 - Sen. Brian E. Frosh, Dels. William Bronrott, Marilyn Goldwater, Susan C. Lee; MO Cncl Howard A. Denis |                      |                         |                     |                                                    |             |                                     |  |
| Comment Journal, and letter hyperlinks                                                                                                                 |                      |                         |                     | \\shadgn\vol1\user\oed\Noise\Dbase\Customer_notes\ |             |                                     |  |
| Consultant Fir                                                                                                                                         |                      |                         |                     | 1-888-375-1975 outside MD                          |             |                                     |  |



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## Owner Information

Owner Name: BOBYS, NEAL B & P L Use: RESIDENTIAL  
Principal Residence: YES  
Mailing Address: 10701 LADY SLIPPER TERRACE  
ROCKVILLE MD 20852 - 3403 Deed Reference: 1) / 5787/ 340  
2)

301.984.7677

## Location &amp; Structure Information

Premises Address  
10701 LADY SLIPPER TER  
ROCKVILLE 20852

Legal Description  
TIMBERLAWN

| Map                     | Grid     | Parcel | Sub District                    | Subdivision   | Section  | Block              | Lot          | Group      | Plat No:  |
|-------------------------|----------|--------|---------------------------------|---------------|----------|--------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| GP63                    |          |        |                                 | 49            |          | K                  | 10           | 80         | Plat Ref: |
| Special Tax Areas       |          |        | Town<br>Ad Valorem<br>Tax Class | 25            |          |                    |              |            |           |
| Primary Structure Built |          |        | 1981                            | Enclosed Area | 3,272 SF | Property Land Area | 12,812.00 SF | County Use | 111       |
| Stories                 | Basement |        | Type                            |               | Exterior |                    |              |            |           |
| 2                       | YES      |        | STANDARD UNIT                   |               | FRAME    |                    |              |            |           |

## Value Information

|                    | Base<br>Value | Value<br>As Of | Phase-In Assessments<br>As Of | As Of      |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Land:              | 147,840       | 293,010        | 01/01/2004                    | 07/01/2004 |
| Improvements:      | 273,850       | 329,910        |                               |            |
| Total:             | 421,690       | 622,920        | 421,690                       | 488,766    |
| Preferential Land: | 0             | 0              | 0                             | 0          |

## Transfer Information

Seller: Date: 10/27/1981 Price: \$259,500  
Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH Deed1: / 5787/ 340 Deed2:  
Seller: Date: Price:  
Type: Deed1: Deed2:  
Seller: Date: Price:  
Type: Deed1: Deed2:

## Exemption Information

| Partial Exempt Assessments | Class | 07/01/2003 | 07/01/2004 |
|----------------------------|-------|------------|------------|
| County                     | 000   | 0          | 0          |
| State                      | 000   | 0          | 0          |
| Municipal                  | 000   | 0          | 0          |

Tax Exempt: NO  
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

\* NONE \*

GO's - DIST. 16 - Sen Brian E. Frosh

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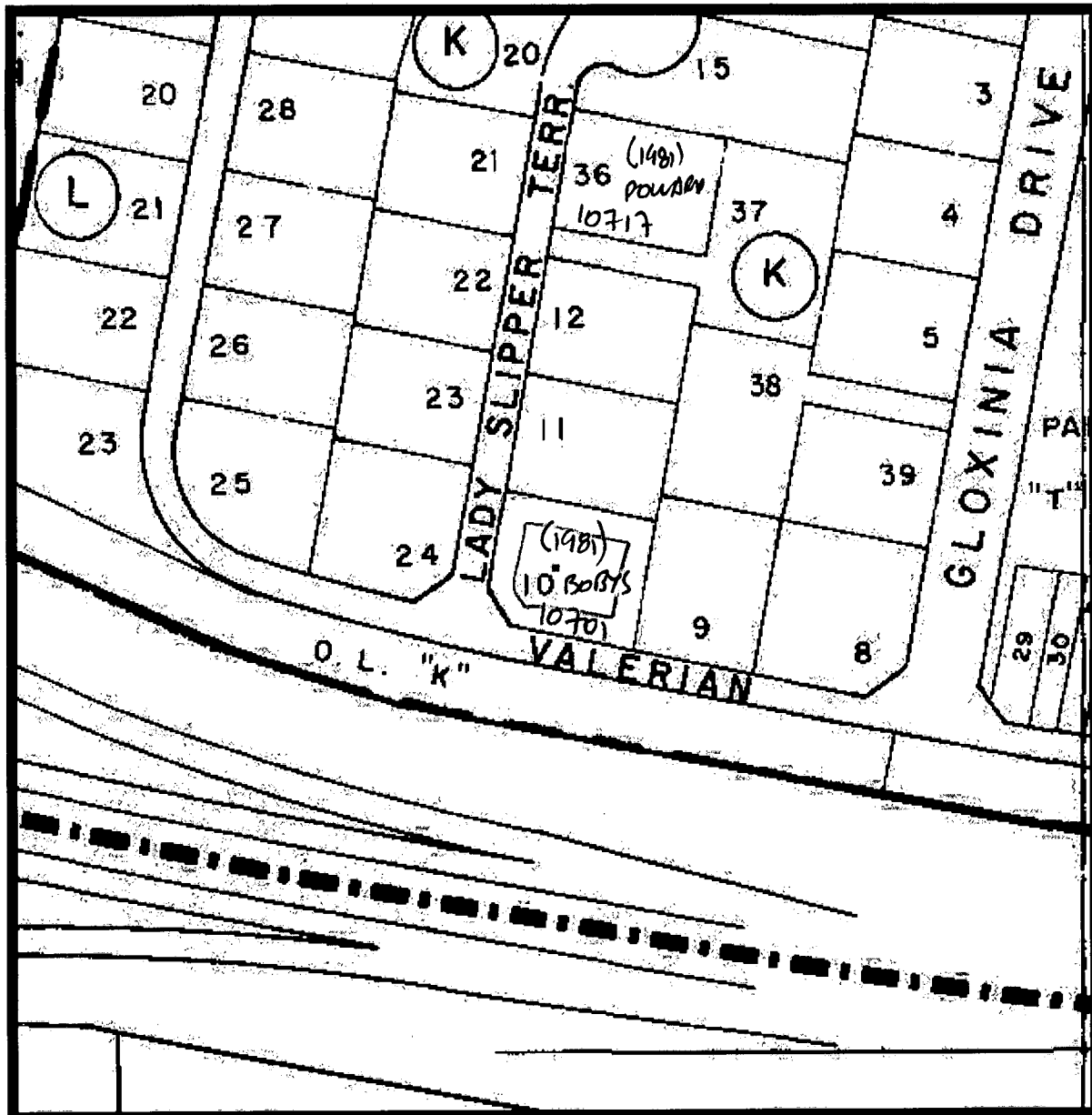
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| <u>BOBYS NEAL B &amp; P</u>  | 04 01904798 | 10701 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |
| <u>DUBIN JEFFREY S &amp;</u> | 04 01904925 | 10704 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |
| <u>CARBONELL JAIME G</u>     | 04 01904801 | 10705 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |
| <u>CLARO JORGE &amp; X</u>   | 04 01904914 | 10708 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |
| <u>GARDNER MARSHA W</u>      | 04 01904812 | 10709 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |
| <u>MELNICK RICHARD J</u>     | 04 01904903 | 10712 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |
| <u>VANNOY GUY &amp; V C</u>  | 04 02038297 | 10713 LADY SLIPPER 1982 | H       | GP63       |
| → <u>POLLARD HARVEY B</u>    | 04 02038286 | 10717 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |
| <u>VAN DER WEES GERR</u>     | 04 01904891 | 10720 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |
| <u>MARTIN SYDNEY E 3</u>     | 04 01904845 | 10721 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |
| <u>MILLER ARNOLD S &amp;</u> | 04 01904880 | 10724 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |
| <u>SIEGEL MARK E &amp; K</u> | 04 01904856 | 10725 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |
| <u>STRAND MICHAEL W</u>      | 04 01904878 | 10728 LADY SLIPPER 1981 | H       | GP63       |
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
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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor  
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Maryland Department of Transportation

December 28, 2004

The Honorable Terry R. Gilleland, Jr.  
Maryland House of Delegates  
214 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Gilleland:

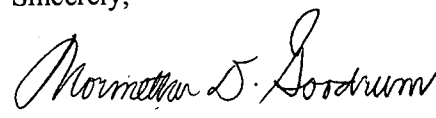
This is a follow-up to the December 6 letter, to you, from State Highway Administration (SHA) District Engineer Gregory Welker. You had written to Mr. Welker regarding the sound barrier along northbound I-97, which ends by the home of Ms. Linda Eisenhardt, who lives at 2 Broadway Avenue in Glen Burnie. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your inquiry.

Our original intention was for the barrier to extend beyond Ms. Eisenhardt's home. When the sound barrier along I-97 was redesigned to accommodate changes to the I-97/MD 648 interchange and the retaining wall near Ms. Eisenhardt's home, this portion of the barrier was omitted. When the omission was discovered, SHA asked its contractor to price the additional work. Unfortunately, the price we received from the contractor was completely unacceptable to SHA.

The SHA regrets this situation and has apologized to Ms. Eisenhardt. Our Office of Environmental Design has begun the engineering work on the barrier extension, on a schedule that would allow construction to begin within the next 12 to 18 months. A member of our Noise Abatement Team will let Ms. Eisenhardt know when the plans and specifications are ready to be put out for bids.

Thank you for your letter and continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, our Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at [jhade@sha.state.md.us](mailto:jhade@sha.state.md.us). He will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,

  
for Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

cc: The Honorable Pamela G. Beidle, Member, Anne Arundel County Council  
The Honorable James E. DeGrange, Sr., Member, Senate of Maryland  
Ms. Linda Eisenhardt  
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA  
The Honorable Mary Ann Love, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable Theodore J. Sophocleus, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
Mr. Gregory D. Welker, District Engineer, SHA

My telephone number/toll-free number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770  
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bcc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA  
Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, Director of Communications, SHA  
Ms. Nicole Ross, Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, SHA  
Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, MDOT  
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA  
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA  
Mrs. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA

**Serial #:** None

**OED Serial#:** None

**Noise Customer #:** 2601

**Responding to letter dated:** Follow-up to 12-01-2004 letter from Del. Gilleland to Dist. Eng. Greg Welker; Del. Gilleland wrote:

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*"I would appreciate if you could look into this and let me know what the plan is for this area. As always, I thank you for your assistance in this matter."*

Mr. Welker responded in a 12-06-2004 letter to Del. Gilleland:

*"Thank you for your letter regarding Ms. Linda Eisenhardt's concern for a sound barrier near her property. We appreciate your sharing these concerns with us.*

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*"Thank you again for your letter. If you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-841-1001, 1-800-331-5603 or gwelker@sha.state.md.us."*

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Maryland Department of Transportation

138 Defense Highway  
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December 6, 2004

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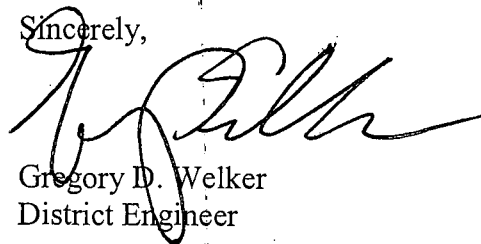
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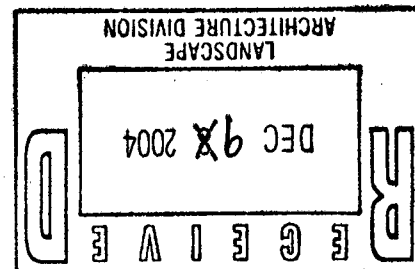
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Sincerely,



Gregory D. Welker  
District Engineer

cc: Mr. Charles Adams (w/incoming)

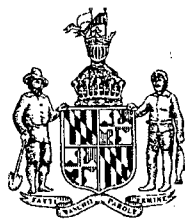


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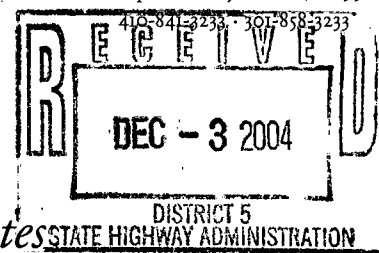
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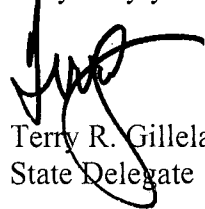
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Very truly yours,



Terry R. Gilleland, Jr.  
State Delegate

TRG:klf

CC: Linda Eisenhardt

due 12/7/04

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NOISE INQUIRY CHECKLIST

DATE 11-29-04

FILE? Y/N

CUSTOMER ID. #

RECEIVED BY

Nicole Ross

NAME Ms. Linda Eisenhardt

ADDRESS 2 Broadway Avenue

(include zip code)

DAY TELEPHONE 410-761-6467

(WORK / HOME)

OTHER TELEPHONE 410-792-0908 (work)

\*\*\* INQUIRY INFORMATION SUMMARY \*\*\*

HIGHWAY NAME / ROUTE NO.

COMMUNITY / AREA NAME Fern Glen or Fernglen

LOCATION ALONG HIGHWAY

SUMMARY OF INQUIRY ① When will the extension of the sound barrier be completed (start date)?

② Are there funds available for this project?

\*\*\* FOLLOW-UP \*\*\*

DATE

BY

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**From:** TED SEVERE  
**To:** JIM HADE  
**Subject:** Ms. Linda Eishardt / I-97 at Broadway Avenue

Jim -

Ms. Linda Eishardt (2 Broadway Avenue, Glen Burnie), whose home is at the end of the existing NB I-97 sound barrier, called Monday, 11-29-04, and spoke with Nicole. She would like a status report on the extension of the existing barrier. When will construction begin? Are funds available for the project?

Her work phone number is 410-792-0908 and her home number is 410-761-6467. Her email address is: [eyesnhardt@aol.com](mailto:eyesnhardt@aol.com)

Ted Severe

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| 2601                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                 | 06/06/2002                                                                                                                                     | E-mail              | EISENHARDT                                                | Ms. Linda I.         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                       |
| STREET#                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | STREET NAME     | COUNTY                                                                                                                                         | CITY (Post office)  | ZIPCODE                                                   | Representative statu |                                     |                       |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Broadway Avenue | AA                                                                                                                                             | Glen Burnie         | 21061-2731                                                | private              |                                     |                       |
| Elected Official whom has communicated directly to us on this custome                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                 |                                                                                                                                                |                     |                                                           |                      |                                     |                       |
| DAY PHONE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                 | HOME PHONE                                                                                                                                     |                     | E-Mail address                                            | COMMUNITY            | HDR Dbase Link                      |                       |
| 410-792-0908                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                 | 410-761-6467                                                                                                                                   |                     | eyesnhardt@aol.co                                         | Fernglen Manor       |                                     |                       |
| Logical Project Limits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                 | ROADWAY: I-97                                                                                                                                  |                     | BarrierName                                               |                      |                                     |                       |
| NE quadrant of I-97/MD 648 interchange                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                 |                                                                                                                                                |                     |                                                           |                      |                                     |                       |
| RESPONSE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                 |                                                                                                                                                |                     | INQUIRY                                                   |                      | 2nd Contact                         |                       |
| Per CBA's direction, Jim responded (4/15/04) that SHA will investigate feasibility & costs associated with options; G Wantz is PM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                 |                                                                                                                                                |                     | when will barrier along I-97 be completed near Welham Av? |                      | Severe                              |                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                 |                                                                                                                                                |                     | Last Contact                                              | Researcher:          | Primary SHA Contact                 |                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                 |                                                                                                                                                |                     | 11/29/2004                                                |                      | Jim                                 | Construction Projects |
| FILE LOCATIO                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                 | OTHER                                                                                                                                          |                     | Current committmen                                        |                      |                                     |                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                 |                                                                                                                                                |                     | To investigate options                                    |                      |                                     |                       |
| Do we owe a letter?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                 | Letter Commit due date:                                                                                                                        |                     |                                                           |                      |                                     |                       |
| LAST action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                 | Letter signed date                                                                                                                             |                     | Reason Letter is Late                                     |                      | n/a                                 |                       |
| 12-9-04 Rec'd fwd'd letter from Del. Gilleland dated 12-01-04 (via DE Welker) requesting status report on project to extend ex barrier near 2 Broadway Av north along I-97                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                 |                                                                                                                                                |                     |                                                           |                      |                                     |                       |
| Comments: This field can not be sorted or searched.: OPPE or Hwy rep.current type 1 inf Fred Eisen                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                 |                                                                                                                                                |                     |                                                           |                      |                                     |                       |
| 11-29-04 Ms. Eisenhardt called; spoke w/Nicole; wants status update on extension of barrier 4/15/04 Jim spoke w/Ms Eisenhardt; SHA will conduct an eval. to determine feasibility & cost of constructing a wall; he encouraged her to write a letter to SHA Admin Pedersen outlining the history of commitments for the barrier that she'd had with D-5 4-6-04 Ms. Eisenhardt called; spoke w/Ted Severe; has contacted SHA in past and wants to know when/why barrier along I-97 near Broadway Avenue has not been completed? 2-24-03 Ms. Eisehardt called; spoke w/Ted Severe; has contacted SHA in past & wants to know when/why barrier along I-97 near Broadway Av has not been completed? 6-6-02 Ms. Eisenhardt e-mailed OED/NAT; wants to know when barrier along NB I-97 between MD 648 & Wellham Av will be completed/constructed? Traffic noise too loud; fumes from I-97 also very bad - what can be done? |                 |                                                                                                                                                |                     |                                                           |                      |                                     |                       |
| All Elected Officials:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                 | 04/2004 EO's Dist. 32 Sen. James E. DeGrange, Sr.; Dels. Terrill Gilleland, Jr.; Mary Ann Love; Theodore J. Sophodeus; AA Cnd Pamela G. Beidle |                     |                                                           |                      |                                     |                       |
| Comment Journal, and letter hyperlinks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                 | Status/Commitments/Femdale.doc                                                                                                                 |                     |                                                           |                      |                                     |                       |
| Consultant Fir                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                 | 1-888-375-1975 outside MD                                                                                                                      |                     |                                                           |                      |                                     |                       |

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*G. Eisenhardt*



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Account Identifier: District - 05 Subdivision - 268 Account Number - 05312005

## Owner Information

Owner Name: PHILLIPS, LINDA I Use: RESIDENTIAL  
Principal Residence: YES  
Mailing Address: 2 BROADWAY AVE  
GLEN BURNIE MD 21061-2731 Deed Reference: 1) / 5556/ 801  
2)

## Location &amp; Structure Information

Premises Address  
2 BROADWAY AVE  
GLEN BURNIE 21061

Legal Description  
PT LTS 2 3 BK M  
2 BROADWAY AVE  
FERN GLEN MANOR

| Map | Grid | Parcel | Sub District | Subdivision | Section | Block | Lot | Group | Plat No: | Plat Ref: |
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Special Tax Areas  
Town  
Ad Valorem  
Tax Class

| Primary Structure Built | Enclosed Area   | Property Land Area    | County Use                   |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1955                    | 858 SF          | 11,229.00 SF          |                              |
| Stories<br>1            | Basement<br>YES | Type<br>STANDARD UNIT | Exterior<br>ASBESTOS SHINGLE |

## Value Information

|                    | Base Value | Value As Of<br>01/01/2002 | Phase-in Assessments<br>As Of<br>07/01/2004 | As Of<br>07/01/2005 |
|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Land:              | 51,800     | 51,800                    |                                             |                     |
| Improvements:      | 57,430     | 57,430                    |                                             |                     |
| Total:             | 109,230    | 109,230                   | 109,230                                     | NOT AVAIL           |
| Preferential Land: | 0          | 0                         | 0                                           | NOT AVAIL           |

## Transfer Information

|                            |                    |                 |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Seller: STARR, TERESA A    | Date: 03/12/1992   | Price: \$96,900 |
| Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH | Deed1: / 5556/ 801 | Deed2:          |
| Seller:                    | Date: 01/11/1984   | Price: \$2,500  |
| Type: UNKNOWN              | Deed1: / 3686/ 303 | Deed2:          |
| Seller:                    | Date:              | Price:          |
| Type:                      | Deed1:             | Deed2:          |

## Exemption Information

| Partial Exempt Assessments | Class | 07/01/2004 | 07/01/2005 |
|----------------------------|-------|------------|------------|
| County                     | 000   | 0          | 0          |
| State                      | 000   | 0          | 0          |
| Municipal                  | 000   | 0          | 0          |

Tax Exempt: NO  
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

\* NONE \*

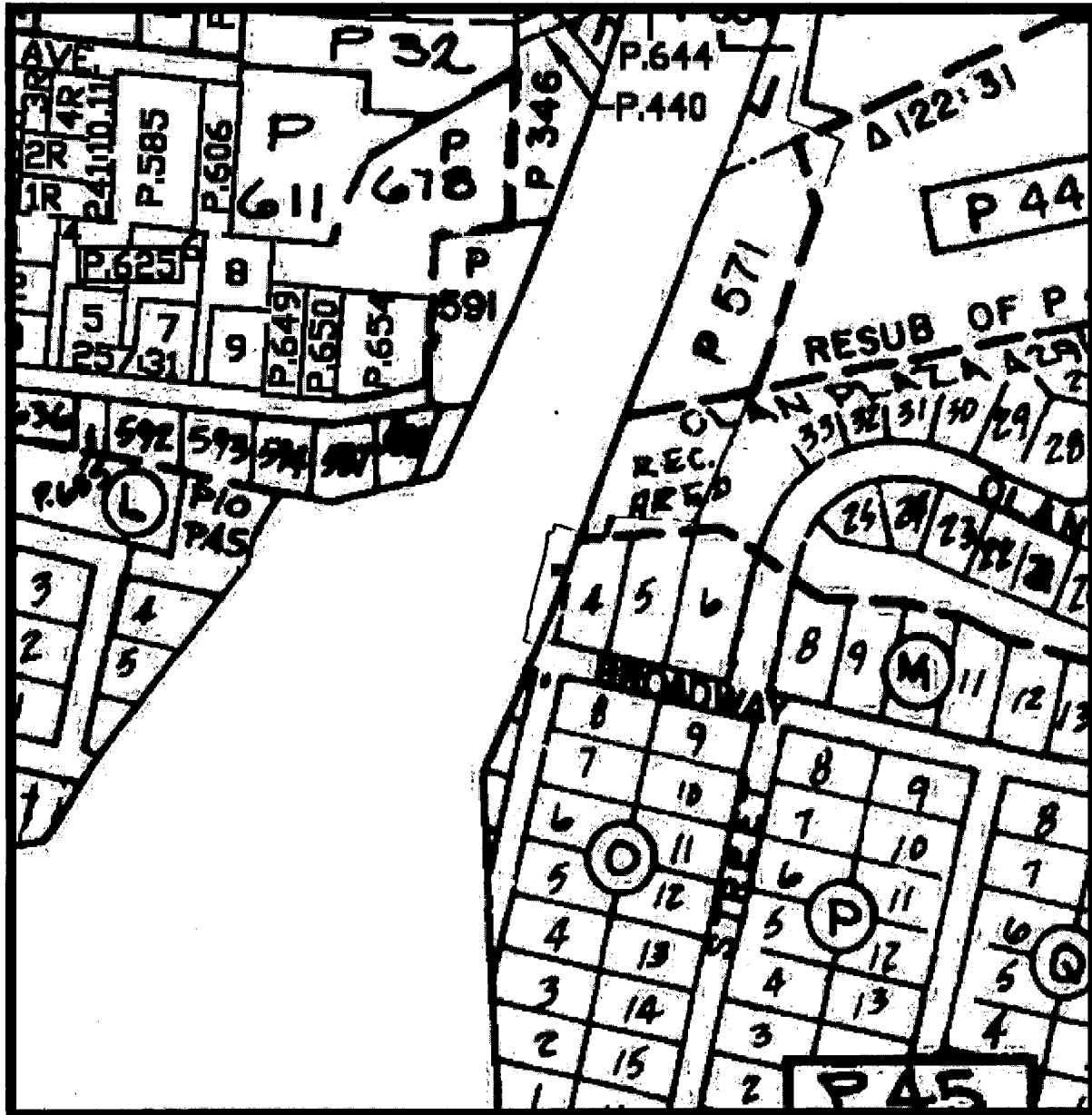
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2 BROADWAY AV, GLEN BURNIE, NY

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SOUTH

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., *Governor*  
Michael S. Steele, *Lt. Governor*

Robert L. Flanagan, *Secretary*  
Neil J. Pedersen, *Administrator*

Maryland Department of Transportation

January 5, 2004

The Honorable Terry R. Gilleland, Jr.  
Maryland House of Delegates  
214 Lowe House Office Building  
84 College Avenue  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Gilleland:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of your constituent, Mr. E. Adams Tillett, Jr., of 5909 Medora Road, Linthicum Heights, regarding a sound barrier to protect his home in the Crestwood community along eastbound I-695 in Anne Arundel County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your inquiry.

In 1990, the State Highway Administration (SHA) constructed a Type II sound barrier for the Crestwood community that runs adjacent to the ramp from northbound Baltimore-Washington Parkway (MD 295) from Chestnut Oak Lane along MD 295 up and along the ramp and down I-695 to approximately the end of Fountain Drive. The existing sound barrier, as originally designed, was intended to go farther along I-695 and would have protected Mr. Tillett's home. Our records indicate that, in order to construct the sound barrier as originally designed, a portion of one or more properties would have to have been donated. However, the homeowners of 401 Viewing Avenue and 5901 and 5903 Medora Road did not wish to have the sound barrier at their respective properties and signed letters to that effect. Therefore, the barrier was ended at its present location. I have enclosed copies of two of those letters, for 5901 and 5903 Medora Road.

Once homeowners indicate that they do not wish to have a sound barrier adjacent to part of or all of their property or do not wish to donate the required right-of-way or easement, our policy is that we will not, at a later date, reconsider a sound barrier for that portion of the community that rejected the original sound barrier design. Therefore, we must respectfully decline your request to perform a new noise study for the few homes along Medora Road that predate I-695.

The SHA has also evaluated the Twin Oaks community, immediately to the south of the Crestwood community along eastbound I-695, to determine its eligibility for a Type II sound barrier. Our evaluation determined that the majority of homes in the Twin Oaks community, beginning at Linthicum Lane and including the homes on Oak Twin Court and Elm Twin Court and adjacent to I-695, were constructed between 1969 and 2000, after the 1962 opening of I-695. Based on this information, under SHA policy the Twin Oaks community cannot be considered for a Type II sound barrier, because it postdates I-695.

My telephone number/toll-free number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770  
Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech 1.800.735.2258 Statewide Toll Free

Street Address: 707 North Calvert Street • Baltimore, Maryland 21202 • Phone 410.545.0300 • [www.marylandroads.com](http://www.marylandroads.com)

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The Honorable Terry R. Gilleland, Jr.  
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Thank you again for your letter on behalf of Mr. Tillett and his immediate neighbors in the Crestwood community, and for your interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640, 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at [cadams@sha.state.md.us](mailto:cadams@sha.state.md.us). He will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,

*Neil J. Pedersen*

Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA  
The Honorable Pamela G. Beidle, Member, Anne Arundel County Council  
The Honorable James E. DeGrange, Sr., Member, Senate of Maryland  
The Honorable Mary Ann Love, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
Mr. E. Adams Tillett, Jr.  
Mr. Gregory Welker, District Engineer, SHA

The Honorable Terry R. Gilleland, Jr.  
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bcc: Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, Director of Communications, SHA  
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA  
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA  
Ms. Nicole Ross, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA  
Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, MDOT  
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA  
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Liaison, SHA

**Serial #:** None

**OED Serial#:** None

**Noise Customer #:** 1847 (Tillett)

**Responding to letter dated:** Follow-up to 11-17-2003 letter from Del. Gilleland to Mr. Charles Adams, Director of OED; Mr. Gilleland indicated that he visited Mr. Tillett's home at 5909 Medora Road on 11-11-2003 and found it quite noisy; while he would like the State to explore the creation of a sound barrier to protect Mr. Tillett and his neighbors, he indicates that he is aware of the cost implications for a Type II barrier; he requests SHA to perform a noise level study to determine the current noise levels; he would also like SHA to revisit the homeowners who turned down having the proposed sound barrier adjacent to their properties and determine if they may have changed their minds regarding a sound barrier adjacent to their homes.

Also, Del. Sophocleus, in his 11-16-2003 letter to Mr. Adams, states and requests: "In my travels around the extensive highway system in my district (32) and beyond, I see more and more "walls" (sound barriers) going up in the most unusual areas; no homes to be seen but there is a wall. Therefore, I believe a more aggressive approach is in order to address the Crestwood Community's problem which is many homes, but limited protection given by the State. Please advise me of all action to be taken immediately. This lack of attention to this serious problem has been delinquent long enough."

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Enclosures:

One copy each of the 04-26-1989 letters to Messrs. William E. and Joseph DeCoursey, owners of record for 5901 and 5903 Medora Road, Linthicum Heights, respectively, that indicate their wish to *not* have the sound barrier for the Crestwood community at their respective properties.  
[Please note that a similar letter for the owner of record for 401 Viewing Avenue was not found.]

TERRILL R. GILLELAND, JR.  
32nd Legislative District  
Anne Arundel County

Ways and Means Committee



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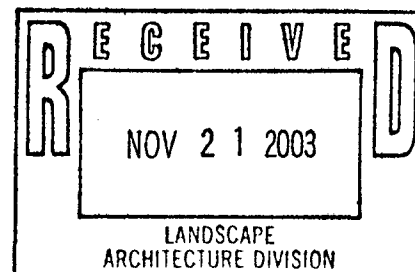
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## *The Maryland House of Delegates*

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1991

November 17, 2003

Mr. Charles B. Adams  
Director, Office of Environmental Design  
State Highway Administration  
707 North Calvert Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202



Dear Mr. Adams,

I have received a copy of your November 12, 2003 letter to Mr. E. Adams Tillett, Jr., regarding the sound barrier extension along I-695 near the Crestwood community. I thank you for your follow-up on this concern, which has spanned more than two years.

On Tuesday, November 11, 2003, I had the opportunity of visiting Mr. Tillett at his house on Medora Road, as a follow-up to your October 29, 2003 letter. During our conversation, Mr. Tillett shared with me his on-going concerns regarding the noise that impacts his family and neighbors along Medora Road. Having heard the noise created from the beltway traffic myself, I have to agree that the noise is loud and very disturbing and should be addressed by the State Highway Administration.

As you know, the present sound barrier ends at a point where it joins the northern side of a hill along I-695 near the Crestwood community. While I would like the state to explore the creation of an additional sound barrier to avoid contending with the rise of the hill and impeding with other properties, beginning on the south side of the hill that is adjacent to Mr. Tillett's property, I understand there are cost implications for a Type II sound barrier.

I agree with your statement regarding the need for the barrier to be sufficient in size so that noise cannot go above the barrier or around the ends of it, as it should be. However, Mr. Tillett and his neighbors should not suffer from the fact that such a barrier would require including part of the neighboring Twin Oaks community, where the majority of homes were constructed after the opening of I-695 and do not qualify for approval according to the Type II program criteria.

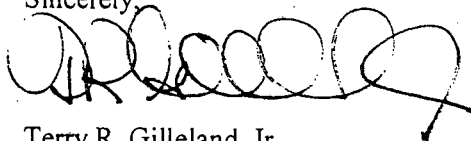
I would like for the State Highway Administration to determine the decibel level from the noise that is impacting Mr. Tillett and his neighbors. Additionally, I would like to know the cost of constructing a sound barrier further south, beginning from the south side of the hill adjacent to Mr. Tillett's property to a point where it would be sufficient enough to resolve his immediate community's highway noise concerns.

Moreover, given that it has been nearly 15 years since the State Highway Administration contacted the owners of 5901 and 5903 Medora Road, it may be worth following-up to determine whether those owners would now accept a sound barrier, especially since highway noise has increased substantially since 1989. Should this be the case, additional studies would not be necessary. However, I believe it is still necessary that we proceed in the likelihood that the owners maintain the same position as they did 15 years ago.

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Mr. Charles B. Adams  
November 17, 2003.

Please let me know if this alternative is feasible and would serve as a viable option for the Department of Transportation. I look forward to your research and response as we work to provide the highest level of service to our Maryland residents.

Sincerely,



Terry R. Gilleland, Jr.  
State Delegate

Cc: The Honorable Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary of Transportation  
The Honorable Pamela G. Beidle, Member, Anne Arundel County Council  
The Honorable James E. DeGrange, State Senator  
The Honorable Mary Ann Love, State Delegate  
The Honorable Theodore J. Sophocleus, State Delegate  
Ms. Nicole Ross, Special Asst. to the Director, Office of Environmental Design  
Mr. Greg Welker, District Engineer, State Highway Administration  
Mr. E. Adams Tillett, Jr.

Rec'd 11/21/03  
Del. Terrill (Terry) R. Gilleland, Jr.

RE: Mr. E. Adams Tillett, Jr.

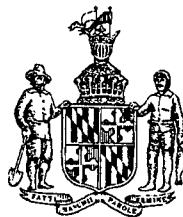
- ① Wants noise eval
- ② wants barrier solution
- ③ Wants to revisit 30m - who did not want R.O.W donated?

have to examine request in light of  
Sound Barrier Policy relative to  
reconsideration of a barrier that has  
been previously turned down by  
the residents — SHA Administration



THEODORE J. SOPHOCLEUS  
Legislative District 32  
Anne Arundel County

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991  
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E-Mail Ted\_Sophocleus@house.state.md.us

## *The Maryland House of Delegates*

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1991

November 16, 2003

Mr. Charles B. Adams  
Director, Office of Environmental Design  
State Highway Administration  
707 North Calvert Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Subject: Crestwood Community's Request for a Sound Barrier

Dear Mr. Adams:

In my travels around the extensive highway system in my district (32) and beyond, I see more and more "walls" (sound barriers) going up in the most unusual areas; no homes to be seen but there is a wall.

Therefore, I believe a more aggressive approach is in order to address the Crestwood Community's problem which is many homes, but limited protection given by the State.

Please advise me of all or any action to be taken immediately. This lack of attention to this serious problem has been delinquent long enough.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ted Sophocleus".

Theodore J. Sophocleus

TJS/mfm

cc: Mr. E. Adams Tillett, Jr.  
5909 Medora Road  
Linthicum Heights, MD 21090-2023

| Customer Info. View for 2003                                                                                                                                            |             |                      |                    | Monday, December 01, 2003 08:55 AM |                         | Admin                               |                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ID #                                                                                                                                                                    | MAP         | DATE                 | Letter or Phone on | LAST NAME                          | FIRST NAME              | Active?                             |                       |
| 1847                                                                                                                                                                    | D 13        | 03/12/1999           | phone only         | TILLET                             | Mr. & Mrs. E. Adams, Jr | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                       |
| STREET#                                                                                                                                                                 | STREET NAME |                      | COUNTY             | CITY (Post office)                 | ZIP CODE                | Representative stat                 |                       |
| 5909                                                                                                                                                                    | Medora Road |                      | AA                 | Linthicum Heights                  | 21090-2023              | private                             |                       |
| Elected Official whom has communicated directly to us on this cu                                                                                                        |             |                      |                    |                                    |                         |                                     | Find Next             |
| DAY PHONE                                                                                                                                                               |             | HOME PHONE           |                    | E-Mail address                     |                         | COMMUNITY                           | HDR Dbase Link        |
|                                                                                                                                                                         |             | 410-691-2866         |                    |                                    |                         | Creshwood (Extension)               |                       |
| Logical Project Limit                                                                                                                                                   |             | ROADWAY              |                    | I-695                              |                         | BarrierNam                          |                       |
| Outer loop, MD 295 to MD 170                                                                                                                                            |             |                      |                    |                                    |                         |                                     |                       |
| RESPONSE:                                                                                                                                                               |             |                      |                    | INQUIRY:                           |                         |                                     |                       |
| The file indicates that residents from your area declined their portion of a wall proposal.                                                                             |             |                      |                    | wants barrier                      |                         |                                     |                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                         |             |                      |                    | Last Conta                         |                         | Researcher                          | Primary SHA Contact   |
|                                                                                                                                                                         |             |                      |                    | 10/22/2003                         |                         | Jim                                 | Construction Projects |
| FILE LOCATION                                                                                                                                                           |             | OTHER:               |                    | Current committm                   |                         | Jim                                 |                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                         |             |                      |                    | none, customer will send letter    |                         |                                     |                       |
| Do we owe a letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                  |             | Letter Commit due da |                    |                                    |                         |                                     |                       |
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| LAST action                                                                                                                                                             |             |                      |                    |                                    |                         |                                     |                       |
| 10-22-03 Mr. Tillett called; spoke w/Nicole Ross;                                                                                                                       |             |                      |                    |                                    |                         |                                     |                       |
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| 05/17/01 Mr. Tillett called; wanted info on getting barrier; TES verbally explained Type II criteria and said formal response would be sent in 7-10 days                |             |                      |                    |                                    |                         |                                     |                       |
| 03/12/1999 Jim spoke with Ms. Tillett and suggested that she coordinate with her neighbors and write a letter to us.                                                    |             |                      |                    |                                    |                         |                                     |                       |
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| All Elected Officials: 10/2003 EO's Dist. 32 Sen. James E. DeGrange, Sr.; Dels. Terry R. Gilleland, Jr.; Mary Ann Love; Theodore J. Sophocleus; AA Cnd Pamela G. Beidle |             |                      |                    |                                    |                         |                                     |                       |
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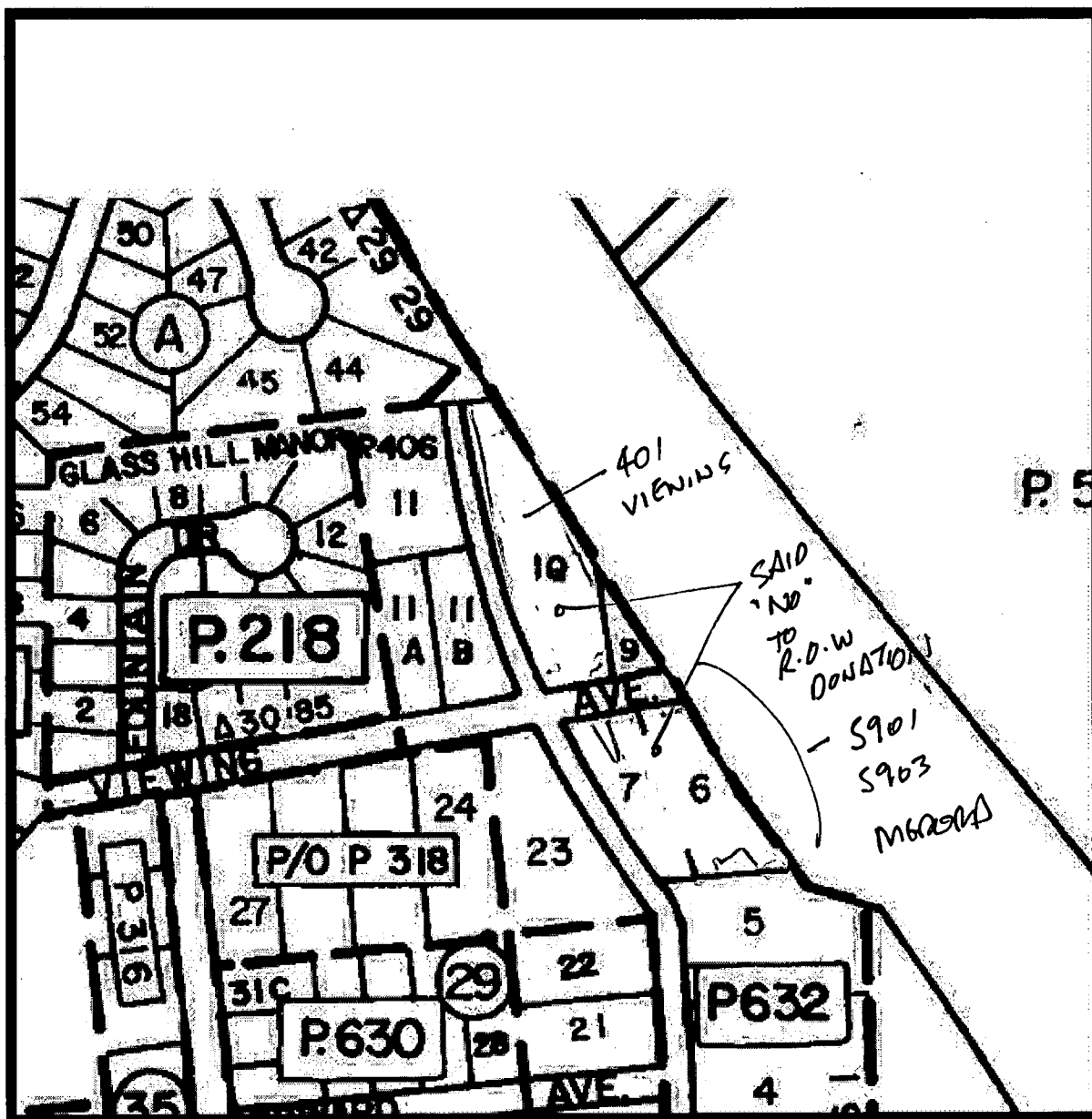
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## Owner Information

Owner Name: GRIFFIN, LAWRENCE K  
GRIFFIN, E B Use: RESIDENTIAL

Mailing Address: 401 VIEWING AVE  
LINTHICUM HGTS MD 21090-2062 Principal Residence: YES

Deed Reference: 1) / 1238/ 92  
2)

## Location &amp; Structure Information

Premises Address 401 VIEWING AVE  
LINTHICUM HGTS 21090 Zoning R5 Legal Description  
PT LT 10 PL 3  
401 VIEWING AVE  
JOHN E STOLL SUB

| Map | Grid | Parcel | Sub District | Subdivision | Section | Block | Lot | Group | Plat No:  | 3    |
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| 4   | 3    | 632    |              | 430         |         |       | 10  | 81    | Plat Ref: | 6/ 1 |

Special Tax Areas Town  
Ad Valorem  
Tax Class

| Primary Structure Built | Enclosed Area   | Property Land Area    | County Use                   |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1917                    | 1,552 SF        | 63,989.00 SF          |                              |
| Stories<br>2            | Basement<br>YES | Type<br>STANDARD UNIT | Exterior<br>ASBESTOS SHINGLE |

## Value Information

|                    | Base Value | Value As Of 01/01/2002 | Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2003 | As Of 07/01/2004 |
|--------------------|------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Land:              | 64,990     | 74,990                 |                                       |                  |
| Improvements:      | 68,540     | 78,850                 |                                       |                  |
| Total:             | 133,530    | 153,840                | 147,070                               | 153,840          |
| Preferential Land: | 0          | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                |

## Transfer Information

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| Partial Exempt Assessments | Class | 07/01/2003 | 07/01/2004 |
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| Municipal                  | 000   | 0          | 0          |

Tax Exempt: NO  
Exempt Class:

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**Maryland Department of Transportation  
State Highway Administration**

Richard H. Trainor  
Secretary  
Hal Kassoff  
Administrator

April 26, 1989

Mr. Willlliam DeCoursey  
5901 Medora Road  
Linthicum, Maryland 21090

Dear Mr. DeCoursey:

Thank you for your attendance and participation at the recent meeting concerning the proposed I-695 noise abatement project in the vicinity of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway interchange.

As discussed and as part of this project, we will use earth to fill in the gap of the embankment on your property. This will require your permission which our Right of Way personnel will ask of you.

In addition, you indicated at this meeting that you are not in favor of a noise wall at your property. If this is still your position, I ask that you sign one copy of this letter and return it to me in the enclosed postage paid envelope.

Sincerely,

*Charles B. Adams* *unk*

Charles B. Adams, Chief  
Landscape Architecture Division

CBA/EJM/eh

cc: Mr. Ken Drury

No! I do not wat a noise wall at my property.

*Wm E. DeCoursey*  
(Please Sign)

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Richard H. Trainor  
Secretary  
Hal Kassoff  
Administrator

April 26, 1989

Mr. Joseph DeCoursey  
5903 Medora Road  
Linthicum, Maryland 21090

Dear Mr. DeCoursey:

Thank you for your attendance and participation at the recent meeting concerning the proposed I-695 noise abatement project in the vicinity of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway interchange.

You indicated at this meeting that you are not in favor of a noise wall at your property. If this is still your position, I ask that you sign one copy of this letter and return it to me in the enclosed postage paid envelope.

Sincerely,

*Charles B. Adams* <sub>WNC</sub>

Charles B. Adams, Chief  
Landscape Architecture Division

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No! I do not want a noise wall  
at my property.

*Joseph DeCoursey*  
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(Please Sign)

Please disregard first mailing. Forgot to enclose duplicate letter and self-addressed stamped envelope.

My telephone number is (301) \_\_\_\_\_



**Maryland Department of Transportation**  
**The Secretary's Office**

December 16, 2004

**Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.**  
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Lt. Governor

**Robert L. Flanagan**  
Secretary

**James F. Ports, Jr.**  
Deputy Secretary

The Honorable Julia W. Gouge, President  
The Honorable Dean L. Minnich, Vice President  
The Honorable Perry L. Jones, Jr., Secretary  
Carroll County Board of County Commissioners  
225 North Center Street  
Westminster, Maryland 21157-5194

Dear President Gouge, Vice President Minnich, and Secretary Jones:

Thank you for your letter requesting that the State Highway Administration reconsider its decision whether a sound barrier could be built for the Shiloh Middle School as part of the MD 30 Hampstead By-pass project. I appreciate the opportunity to provide the following information.

When the noise impact analysis for the MD 30 Hampstead By-pass project was performed, it was determined that the portion of the school property that will be adjacent to the highway consists of active recreation areas, i.e., ball fields. State Highway Administration (SHA) policy does not provide for noise mitigation for recreation fields. This determination is consistent with our practice in similar situations. Howard High School, along MD 100 in Howard County, is an example.

As part of SHA's coordination with the Shiloh Middle School, our staff spoke with the school's principal, who agreed with our assessment about noise sensitivity. In March 2003, Mr. Steven C. Horn, Carroll County's Director of Planning, wrote to State Highway Administration Administrator Neil J. Pedersen to request that SHA continue to consider a sound barrier. In his April 2003 response to Mr. Horn, Mr. Pedersen reiterated that the area did not qualify for a sound barrier, but that SHA would explore alternatives, other than a chain-link fence, that could provide some screening. Copies of these letters are enclosed for your information.

Two possible options for screening alternatives are a solid wall, in the eight-foot height range, or a wrought iron-type of fence with heavy landscaping to provide a visual buffer. We expect the cost estimate for the overall project to be sufficient to accommodate either of these options.


Because the MD 30 Hampstead By-pass project will be constructed under a design-build contract, the actual solution will be determined after the contract has been awarded. The SHA design team is aware of the issue and will develop information to guide the design-build team and the contractor will be directed to involve representatives of Carroll County Public Schools in the development of any solution.

My telephone number is 410-865-1000  
Toll Free Number 1-888-713-1414 TTY User Call Via MD Relay  
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The Honorable Julia W. Gouge  
The Honorable Dean L. Minnich  
The Honorable Perry L. Jones, Jr.  
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Thank you for your interest in this issue. If you have any additional questions or concerns issue, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640, 1-800-446-5962 or, [cadams@sha.state.md.us](mailto:cadams@sha.state.md.us). SHA will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

  
Robert L. Flanagan  
Secretary

Enclosures

cc: Carroll County Board of Education  
Dr. Charles I. Ecker, Superintendent, Carroll County Public Schools  
Mr. Steven C. Horn, Director, Carroll County Department of Planning  
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA  
Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator, SHA



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**Serial #:** WCS 18028

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**Noise Customer #:** None

**Responding to letter dated:** Follow-up to 11-19-2004 letter from the Carroll County Board of County Commissioners to Sec. Flanagan requesting that MDOT [SHA] reconsider its decision regarding a sound barrier adjacent to the Shiloh Middle School along the new MD 30 Hampstead By-pass; the Commissioners wrote:

*"I am writing to encourage MDOT to revisit its opposition to a sound barrier along the Hampstead Bypass in the vicinity of Shiloh Middle School. As noted by Dr. Charles Ecker, Superintendent of Carroll Schools, in his October 27, 2004 correspondence with your office, a reevaluation of this decision is warranted in light of concerns raised regarding student safety, security, and disruptive traffic noise generated by a new bypass 25 yards from outdoor athletic fields.*

*In the event the environmental assessment continues to indicate no noise-sensitive exterior uses are present, and interior noise levels at the school are within acceptable Federal Highway Administration criteria, MDOT should explore screening and security options over and above the standard practice chain link fence.*

*"Thank you for your positive consideration of these remarks, and I look forward to your response."*

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**Attachments:**

One copy each of the following:

03-20-2003 letter from Mr. Steven C. Horn, Director, Carroll County Department of Planning to Acting SHA Administrator Neil J. Pedersen

04-01-2003 letter from Acting SHA Administrator Neil J. Pedersen to Mr. Steven C. Horn, Director, Carroll County Department of Planning

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Westminster, Maryland 21157-5194

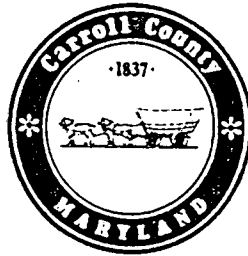
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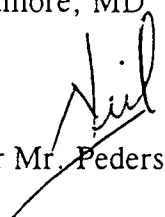
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Department of Planning

Steven C. Horn  
Director

March 20, 2003

Mr. Neil Pedersen, Acting Administrator  
State Highway Administration  
707 North Calvert Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: MD 30 Relocated - Hampstead Bypass

  
Dear Mr. Pedersen:

It is my understanding that the Environmental Assessment for the above referenced project evaluated noise impacts from the planned roadway and determined that a substantial increase in noise levels would occur at Shiloh Middle School (Receptor 11). Mitigation was considered warranted. However, the school principal, Mr. Thomas Hill, determined that there are no outdoor noise sensitive uses at the school. Subsequently, Darrell Davidson, from this Department, wrote to Mary Deitz on February 5, 2003, encouraging the SHA to reconsider its plans for a noise barrier in the vicinity of the middle school (see attached letter).

While the principal's letter reflects his personal opinion, it does not reflect the opinion of County Government or Carroll County Public Schools. The County supports the information and opinions contained in Mr. Davidson's memo of February 5, 2003, and urges SHA to keep the option for a noise barrier open as design of the Hampstead Bypass proceeds. Please contact Raymond Prokop, Director of Facilities, Carroll County Public Schools, for a final recommendation from that agency on the noise barrier issue.

As you know, the Hampstead Bypass project remains Carroll County's top priority with SHA. I urge you to keep this project moving forward and look forward to construction beginning in the not too distant future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Steven C. Horn, consisting of stylized initials and a surname.

Steven C. Horn  
Director

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor  
Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor



Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary  
Neil J. Pedersen, Acting Administrator

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

April 1, 2003

Steven C. Horn, Director  
Carroll County Department of Planning  
225 N. Center Street  
Westminster MD 21157-5194

Dear Mr. Horn:

*Shor*

Thank you for your recent letter regarding a noise barrier along the MD 30 at the Shiloh Middle School. Your continued coordination on this project is appreciated.

The Shiloh Middle School was analyzed as part of the overall environmental assessment of the MD 30 Hampstead Bypass project. It was determined that no noise-sensitive exterior uses exist on the grounds adjacent to the proposed highway facility. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regulations regarding the analysis and abatement of highway traffic noise stipulate that, in the absence of exterior uses, consideration of interior noise levels should be given. The environmental assessment documented that the school is air-conditioned and that, under typical conditions, its windows would be closed. Under these conditions, and assuming a typical 25-decibel reduction in noise when one moves from the exterior to the interior of the structure (based on FHWA research and guidance), noise levels inside the closest rooms to the highway would be well below FHWA's interior criterion of 52 decibels.

The County has also raised safety and security issues. In response to those concerns, the State Highway Administration will explore screening alternatives beyond the standard chain-link fencing that is normally used for right-of-way security.

My telephone number/toll-free number is **410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770**

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Mr. Steven C. Horn  
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Thank you again for your letter. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, our Director of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, at 410-545-0412, 1-888-204-4828, or [dsimmons@sha.state.md.us](mailto:dsimmons@sha.state.md.us). He will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

*Neil J. Pedersen*

Neil J. Pedersen  
Acting Administrator

cc: Mr. Robert Fisher, District Engineer, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Director of Planning and Preliminary Engineering,  
State Highway Administration

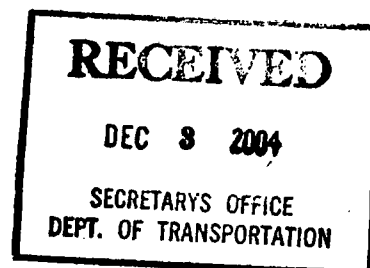
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Board of Commissioners  
 Julia W. Gouge, President  
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 Perry L. Jones, Jr., Secretary

November 19, 2004

Mr. Robert L. Flanagan  
 Maryland Department of Transportation  
 7201 Corporate Center Drive  
 Hanover, Maryland 21076



RE: Hampstead Bypass Shiloh Middle School – Noise Barrier

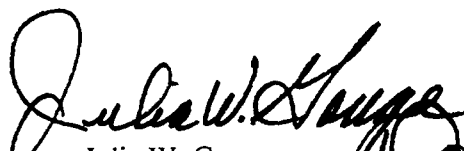
Dear Secretary Flanagan:

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In the event the environmental assessment continues to indicate no noise-sensitive exterior uses are present, and interior noise levels at the school are within acceptable Federal Highway Administration criteria, MDOT should explore screening and security options over and above the standard practice chain link fence.

Thank you for your positive consideration of these remarks, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

  
 Julia W. Gouge  
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THE COMMISSIONERS OF CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND

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c: Carroll County Board of Education  
 Dr. Charles Ecker, Carroll County Public Schools  
 Mr. Steven Horn, Director Department of Planning



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**Correspondence Details****Case ID: 18028 Gouge, Julia**

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Constituent: Gouge, Julia  
Address: 225 North Center Street  
Suite 300  
Westminster, MD 21157  
Document Date: 11/19/2004  
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Comments: Hampstead Bypass - Shiloh Middle School Noise Barrier.



Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., *Governor*  
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Neil J. Pedersen, *Administrator*

Maryland Department of Transportation

February 12, 2004

The Honorable Guy Guzzone  
Howard County Council  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City MD 21043-4392

Dear Councilman ~~Guzzone~~: *Guy*

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Allview Estates community regarding the sound barrier project along northbound US 29 between Seneca Drive and the ramp to eastbound Broken Land Parkway. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2004, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Banneker Room, located on the first floor of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

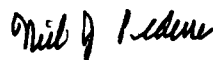
The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sound barrier for the community and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least 75 percent of the impacted property owners that would benefit from the barrier. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to those impacted homeowners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of 66 decibels or greater. The purpose of the vote will be to obtain agreement on the construction of sound barriers in order that we may continue to proceed with the design of the barriers.

Property owners who are unable to attend this meeting will receive a summary of the meeting and copies of all materials distributed at the meeting approximately seven to ten days following the meeting. Voting cards will also be included for impacted property owners who are unable to attend the meeting.

The Honorable Guy Guzzone  
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Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Nicole Ross, our Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962, or [nross@sha.state.md.us](mailto:nross@sha.state.md.us). She will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA  
Mr. Robert L. Fisher, District Engineer, SHA  
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA  
Ms. Nicole Ross, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA



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Ms. Deanna Peel, Special Assistant to the Honorable Guy Guzzone, Member, Howard  
County Council  
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA  
Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, MDOT  
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA  
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Liaison, SHA

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**Responding to letter dated:** Invitation to elected and HO Co officials for the Allview Estates community in HO Co to attend the SHA-hosted community informational meeting on 03-18-2004 in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City; meeting to run from 7 to 9 pm with displays available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

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Robert L. Flanagan, *Secretary*  
Neil J. Pedersen, *Administrator*

Maryland Department of Transportation

September 23, 2004

The Honorable Larry E. Haines  
Senate of Maryland  
316 James Senate Office Building  
110 College Avenue  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator ~~Haines~~: *Larry*

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Singer Heights and Westwood communities regarding the proposed sound barriers along the MD 30 By-pass, just north of Houcksville Road, in Carroll County. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2004, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Cafeteria of the Shiloh Middle School, 3675 Willow Street, Hampstead. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sound barrier proposed for this project and to seek concurrence on the construction of a barrier from at least 75 percent of the owners whose homes will be *both impacted* by highway noise in the design year 2020 *and benefited* by a barrier. "Impacted" homes are those which are predicted to experience either: a 10-decibel increase in highway noise levels over existing conditions; or highway noise levels of 66 decibels or more that would be at least 3 decibels higher in 2020 than if the highway had not been built. "Benefited" homes are those for which a barrier will provide at least a 3-decibel reduction in highway noise (if they are impacted) or a 5-decibel reduction (if they are not impacted). We will distribute vote cards to qualifying owners who attend the meeting and will mail vote cards, along with materials that are distributed at the meeting, to qualifying owners who are unable to attend.

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The Honorable Larry E. Haines  
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Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., *Governor*  
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Maryland Department of Transportation

September 23, 2004

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Dear «Title2» «LastName»:

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Sincerely,

**MERGED LETTERS**

**SIGNED BY**

**MR. PEDERSEN**

Neil J. Pedersen

Administrator

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| The Honorable | Nancy R.  | Stocksdale       |        | Delegate |      | Maryland House of Delegates<br>322 Lowe House Office Building<br>6 Bladen Street<br>Annapolis MD 21401-1991 |
| The Honorable | Haven N.  | Shoemaker        |        | Mayor    |      | Mayor, Town of Hampstead<br>1034 South Carroll Street<br>Hampstead MD 21074-1816                            |



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Maryland Department of Transportation

November 30, 2004

Mr. Haitham A. Hijazi  
Acting Director, Prince George's County  
Department of Public Works and Transportation  
Inglewood Centre III  
9400 Peppercorn Place, Suite 300  
Largo, Maryland 20774-5377

Dear Mr. Hijazi:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the sound barrier project for the Powder Mill Estates, Knollwood Estates and Hollywood communities along I-95 in Prince George's County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to you.

The State Highway Administration anticipates advertising this sound barrier project in January 2005, with a construction start in late Spring or early Summer of 2005. As the result of coordination with Cicero Salas and myself and his subsequent discussion with you, we will now utilize the following finishes on the respective sound barriers in the project:

Knollwood barrier: Exposed gravel on the highway side and "double raked" finish on the community side. The goal for this barrier is to match the barriers on I-495 west of Knollwood.

Hollywood barrier extension: Exposed gravel finish on both sides to match the existing barrier.

Powder Mill Estates: "Double raked" finish on the highway side, stained a dark brown, and exposed gravel on the community side.

My telephone number/toll-free number is ~~410-545-8640~~ or ~~1-800-446-5962~~

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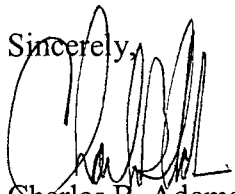
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Thank you again for your letter and Mr. Salas's assistance in this matter. SHA appreciates the County's patience and understanding. If you have additional questions or concerns regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade, our Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at [jhade@sha.state.md.us](mailto:jhade@sha.state.md.us). He will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

cc: Mr. Dale G. Coppage, Deputy Director, Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation  
Mr. Thomas E. Dernoga, Member, Prince George's County Council  
The Honorable Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation  
The Honorable Barbara A. Frush, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable John A. Giannetti, Jr., Member, Senate of Maryland  
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration  
The Honorable Pauline H. Menes, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable Brian R. Moe, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Cicero Salles, Special Assistant to the Director, Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation  
Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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bcc: Mr. Glenn Klaverweiden, Agreements Coordinator, Regional and Intermodal  
Planning Division, Office of Project Planning and Preliminary Engineering, State  
Highway Administration  
Ms. Nicole Ross, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Environmental Design, State  
Highway Administration  
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway  
Administration

**Serial #:** None

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**Noise Customer #:**

**Responding to letter dated:** Follow-up to 11-02-2004 letter from Mr. Hijazi, Acting Director,  
PG Co DPW&T, to Mr. Charles Adams; Mr. Hijazi wrote:

*"The purpose of this letter is to request the Maryland State Highway Administration to finalize the design of the I-95 noise abatement barrier project along Powder Mill Estates, Knollwood Estates and Hollywood without the inclusion of the Art Mural Image panels. It is our understanding that this decision should help expedite construction of the sound barriers by approximately three months.*

*"It was our expectation that the Art Murals would enhance the appearance of the I-95/I-495 corridor along Prince George's County. However, our elected officials and local citizens have expressed their frustration with the project's delay and are requesting the standard finishes to match the existing sound barriers. The Memorandum of Understanding for this project should be prepared to reflect this request. Please forward the Memorandum of Understanding for execution by the County once the final design and cost estimates have been prepared.*

*"We request your assistance in expediting the completion of this project, which will provide relief to the County's citizens and residents living along the I-95/I-495 corridor. If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact me or Mr. Cicero Salles, Special Assistant to the Director, at (301) 883-5600."*

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Jack B. Johnson  
County Executive

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Department of Public Works and Transportation  
Office of the Director

November 2, 2004



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Mr. Charlie B. Adams, Director  
Office of Environmental Design  
State Highway Administration  
707 North Calvert Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

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Sincerely,

Haitham A. Hijazi  
Acting Director

HAH/CS/dc

cc: The Honorable Thomas Dernoga, County Council Member  
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Aisha Braveboy, County Council Liaison  
Robert Flanagan, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator, State Highway Administration  
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STATE HIGHWAY ADMIN.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

FROM THE OFFICE OF NEIL J. PEDERSEN, ADMINISTRATOR

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Noise Team

Draft reply for my signature.

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Maryland Department of Transportation

February 12, 2004

Mr. James M. Irvin  
Director, Howard County  
Department of Public Works  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City MD 21043-4392

Dear Mr. Irvin:

J: M

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Allview Estates community regarding the sound barrier project along northbound US 29 between Seneca Drive and the ramp to eastbound Broken Land Parkway. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2004, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Banneker Room, located on the first floor of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sound barrier for the community and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least 75 percent of the impacted property owners that would benefit from the barrier. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to those impacted homeowners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of 66 decibels or greater. The purpose of the vote will be to obtain agreement on the construction of sound barriers in order that we may continue to proceed with the design of the barriers.

Property owners who are unable to attend this meeting will receive a summary of the meeting and copies of all materials distributed at the meeting approximately seven to ten days following the meeting. Voting cards will also be included for impacted property owners who are unable to attend the meeting.

My telephone number/toll-free number is ~~410-545-0400~~ or 1-800-206-0770  
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Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Nicole Ross, our Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962, or [nross@sha.state.md.us](mailto:nross@sha.state.md.us). She will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

*Neil J. Pedersen*

Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA  
Mr. Robert L. Fisher, District Engineer, SHA  
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA  
Ms. Nicole Ross, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA

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bcc: Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, Director of Communications, SHA  
Ms. Deanna Peel, Special Assistant to the Honorable Guy Guzzone, Member, Howard County Council  
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA  
Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, MDOT  
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA  
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Liaison, SHA

**Serial #:** None

**OED Serial#:** None

**Noise Customer #:** 1994, 2468, 2515, 2525

**Responding to letter dated:** Invitation to elected and HO Co officials for the Allview Estates community in HO Co to attend the SHA-hosted community informational meeting on 03-18-2004 in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City; meeting to run from 7 to 9 pm with displays available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

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Maryland Department of Transportation

November 30, 2004

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones  
Maryland House of Delegates  
Suite 205  
2 West Rolling Crossroads, Suite 205  
Catonsville MD 21228-6209

Dear Delegate Jones:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Catonsville Heights community regarding the sound barrier proposed for the outer loop of I-695 from Ingleside Avenue to south of Frederick Road in Baltimore County. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2004, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Catonsville Library, 1100 Frederick Road in Catonsville. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sound barrier proposed for this project and to seek concurrence on the construction of a barrier from at least 75 percent of the owners whose homes will be *both impacted* by highway noise in the design year (2025) *and benefited* by a barrier. "Impacted" homes are those which are predicted to experience either: a 10 decibel increase in highway noise levels over existing conditions; or highway noise levels of 66 decibels or more that would be at least 3 decibels higher in 2025 than they would have been if the highway had not been built. "Benefited" homes are those for which a barrier will provide at least a 3-decibel reduction in highway noise (if they are impacted) or a 5-decibel reduction (if they are not impacted). We will distribute vote cards to qualifying owners who attend the meeting and will mail vote cards, along with materials that are distributed at the meeting, to qualifying owners who are unable to attend.

My telephone number/toll-free number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770  
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Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA  
Ms. Nicole Ross, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA  
Mr. David J. Malkowski, District Engineer, SHA

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Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA  
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA  
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA  
Ms. Frances Ward, Community Liaison, SHA

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Neil J. Pedersen, *Administrator*

Maryland Department of Transportation

November 4, 2004

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones  
Maryland House of Delegates  
2 West Rolling Crossroads, Suite 205  
Catonsville, Maryland 21228-6209

Dear Delegate Jones:

This letter is a follow-up to your recent inquiry to Mr. David J. Malkowski, State Highway Administration (SHA) Metropolitan District Engineer, on behalf of your constituent, Mr. David Lycett, of 121 Arbutus Avenue, Catonsville, regarding a sound barrier for the Eden Terrace community, along the inner loop of I-695 between Frederick Road and Edmondson Avenue, in Baltimore County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide the following information.

In August 1999, SHA announced that three areas adjacent to I-695 in the Catonsville area were eligible for sound barriers:

- Catonsville Heights/Edmondson Ridge (outer loop) – between Baltimore National Pike (US40) and the Edmondson Avenue/I-695 interchange;
- Dunmoore Estates/Eden Terrace (inner loop) – between the I-695 interchanges at Edmondson Avenue and Frederick Road (MD 144); and
- Sylvan Hills/Catonsville Knolls, West Kenwood Avenue (inner and outer loop) – just north of the I-695/Wilkens Avenue interchange.

The SHA is constructing an additional lane along the outer loop of I-695 from south of Frederick Road to the I-95 interchange; this project includes sound barriers for the Sylvan Hills/Catonsville Knolls and West Kenwood Avenue areas. This widening project began in Summer 2001 and it is anticipated that the work will be completed in Spring 2005, weather permitting.

The sound barriers for the other two areas, Catonsville Heights/Edmondson Ridge and Dunmoore Estates/Eden Terrace, must be constructed on retaining walls that need to be designed with the highway improvements for those areas. The sound barriers for these communities will be included with the future widening of I-695, which has not yet been funded.

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Recently, SHA initiated the design phase of a new project to widen the outer loop of I-695 beginning north of Ingleside Avenue to just south of the I-695/Frederick Road interchange. Sound barriers (extension of existing barriers and some relocation of existing barriers) will be included for the outer loop only with this project, which has only been funded for design and not construction. The community included in this area is Catonsville Heights. A similar project for the inner loop of I-695 between the same two points is also under development, but is not yet funded for either design or construction. This area includes Eden Terrace.

Mr. Lycett indicated that a sound barrier is under construction along westbound I-70 beginning at the I-70/US 29 interchange and ends at St. Johns Lane. This sound barrier protects the homes in the Orchards, Skyview and Brinkleigh communities adjacent to I-70 between US 29 and St. Johns Lane. This sound barrier is a Type II, or retrofit, barrier constructed for the named communities where a majority of the homes existed before I-70 was built in 1969.

Thank you for your letter on behalf of your constituent and your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at [cadams@sha.state.md.us](mailto:cadams@sha.state.md.us). He will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA  
Mr. David N. Lycett  
Mr. David J. Malkowski, Metropolitan District Engineer, SHA

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Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA  
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Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA  
Ms. Frances Ward, Community Liaison, SHA

**Serial #:** None

**OED Serial#:** None

**Noise Customer #:** 2850

**Responding to letter dated:** Follow-up to 10-22-2004 letter from SHA Dist. Eng. Malkowski to Del. Jones who had written to Mr. Malkowski on behalf of her constituent, Mr. David Lycett, of 121 Arbutus Avenue, Catonsville; Mr. Lycett emailed Del. Jones on 10-12-2004 and wrote the following:

*"I thought I would check in with you regarding the issue of the "sound barrier" along the inside of the Beltway between Frederick and Rt. 40. Has there been any movement? My experience with SHA, sadly, is and has always been to be shuffled from office to office – person to person – with no one capable of taking responsibility and/or giving me a satisfactory answer. If ever there was an example of the "ping-pong" theory, I (we) must be it!*

*"Recently, as I was traveling West on Rt 70, just past the intersection of Rt 29, I noticed a new barrier being constructed on the North side of Rt 70. I must say I am beyond comprehension as there seems to be very few houses (other than some "new" construction) beyond the buffer of trees to warrant such an expenditure by the State!!!! For 15 years we have been promised a Wall, yet here we are in Howard Co. with yet another new wall project!! When might we expect some answers????? Again, increased traffic volume, the noise, pollution, dirt and ground vibrations are seriously working against the residents of our neighborhood and our property.*

*"As always, thank you for your time and attention to this matter."*

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Maryland Department of Transportation

October 22, 2004

Please Reply to:  
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Highway Engineering District 4  
Baltimore and Harford Counties

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones  
Maryland House of Delegates  
2 West Rolling Crossroads  
Suite 205  
Baltimore MD 21228

Dear Delegate Jones: *Adrienne*

Thank you for your letter regarding Mr. Dave Lycett's request for a sound wall along I-695 between Frederick Road and Route 40. We appreciate your interest in this matter.

I have forwarded your request to Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of the State Highway Administration's Office of Environmental Design, so the Noise Abatement Team may investigate the Association's concerns and reply to you directly.

Thank you again for your letter. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-321-2810, 1-800-962-3077 or at [dmalkowski@sha.state.md.us](mailto:dmalkowski@sha.state.md.us). Mr. Adams can be reached at 410-545-8640, 1-800-446-5962 or at [cadams@sha.state.md.us](mailto:cadams@sha.state.md.us).

Sincerely,

David J. Malkowski  
Metropolitan District Engineer  
Baltimore and Harford Counties

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cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design (w/incoming)

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**Delegate Adrienne Jones**

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**To:** piccolos1@att.net  
**Subject:** RE: Noise Barrier F/U

Mr. Lycett,

Thank you for sharing information about the new barrier at the north side of Rt 70. I will be contacting SHA again to get relief for you.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** piccolos1@att.net [mailto:piccolos1@att.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 12, 2004 7:52 PM  
**To:** Delegate\_A\_Jones@house.state.md.us  
**Subject:** Noise Barrier F/U

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As always, thank you for your time and attention on this matter.

Regards,  
Dave Lycett  
121 Arbutus Ave  
Catonsville, MD 21228-3457

10/15/2004

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones  
October 22, 2004  
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bcc: ✓ Mr. James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader  
Ms. Stephanie Pratt, Operations Engineer, State Highway Administration  
Ms. Nanette Schieke, Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation  
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| RESPONSE                                                                                       | INQUIRY                                                                                                                                                             |                     |                     |                       | 2nd Contact          |                                     |
| when is promised barrier going to be built? Why the barrier in HO Co along WB I-70 near US 292 |                                                                                                                                                                     |                     |                     |                       |                      |                                     |
| Last Contact                                                                                   | Researcher                                                                                                                                                          | Primary SHA Contact |                     |                       |                      |                                     |
| 10/27/2004                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                     |                     |                     |                       |                      |                                     |
| FILE LOCATIO                                                                                   | OTHER                                                                                                                                                               | Current committmen  | None                | Construction Projects |                      |                                     |
| Do we owe a letter?                                                                            | Letter Commit due date                                                                                                                                              | 10/29/2004          |                     |                       |                      |                                     |
| Letter signed date                                                                             | Reason Letter is Late                                                                                                                                               | n/a                 |                     |                       |                      |                                     |
| LAST action                                                                                    | 10-27-04 DE Malkowski forwarded his letter to Del. Jones & Del. Jones inbound to him with Mr. Lycett's inbound to Del. Jones; SHA to respond directly to Del. Jones |                     |                     |                       |                      |                                     |
| Comments: This field can not be sorted or searched.: OPPE or Hwy rep.current type 1 inf        |                                                                                                                                                                     |                     |                     |                       |                      |                                     |

All Elected Officials: 10-2004 EO's Dist. 10 Sen. Delores G. Kelley; Dels. Emmett C. Burns, Jr.; Adrienne A. Jones; Shirley Nathan-Pulliam; BA Cnd Stephen G. Samuel Moxley

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Account Identifier: District - 01 Account Number - 1900000203

## Owner Information

Owner Name: LYCETT DAVID N  
LYCETT CYNTHIA M

Use: RESIDENTIAL

Principal Residence: YES

Mailing Address: 121 ARBUTUS AV  
BALTIMORE MD 21228 - 3457

Deed Reference: 1) / 8971/ 238  
2)

410. 747-2128

## Location &amp; Structure Information

Premises Address  
121 ARBUTUS AVE

Legal Description  
30134 SQ FT .6918 AC  
EDEN TERRACE

| Map | Grid | Parcel | Sub District | Subdivision | Section | Block | Lot | Group | Plat No: | Plat Ref: |
|-----|------|--------|--------------|-------------|---------|-------|-----|-------|----------|-----------|
| 101 | 2    | 1216   |              |             |         |       | 1   | 80    |          | 46/ 96    |

Special Tax Areas

Town  
Ad Valorem  
Tax Class

| Primary Structure Built | Enclosed Area | Property Land Area | County Use |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------|
| 1904                    | 3,185 SF      | 30,134.00 SF       | 04         |

| Stories | Basement | Type          | Exterior     |
|---------|----------|---------------|--------------|
| 2 1/2   | YES      | STANDARD UNIT | WOOD SHINGLE |

## Value Information

|                    | Base Value | Value As Of 01/01/2004 | Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2004 | As Of 07/01/2005 |
|--------------------|------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Land:              | 46,530     | 79,530                 |                                       |                  |
| Improvements:      | 142,210    | 163,940                |                                       |                  |
| Total:             | 188,740    | 243,470                | 206,983                               | 225,226          |
| Preferential Land: | 0          | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                |

## Transfer Information

|                            |                    |                  |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Seller: TINLEY MICHAEL A   | Date: 11/14/1991   | Price: \$203,000 |
| Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH | Deed1: / 8971/ 238 | Deed2:           |
| Seller:                    | Date:              | Price:           |
| Type:                      | Deed1:             | Deed2:           |
| Seller:                    | Date:              | Price:           |
| Type:                      | Deed1:             | Deed2:           |

## Exemption Information

| Partial Exempt Assessments | Class | 07/01/2004 | 07/01/2005 |
|----------------------------|-------|------------|------------|
| County                     | 000   | 0          | 0          |
| State                      | 000   | 0          | 0          |
| Municipal                  | 000   | 0          | 0          |

Tax Exempt: NO  
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

\* NONE \*

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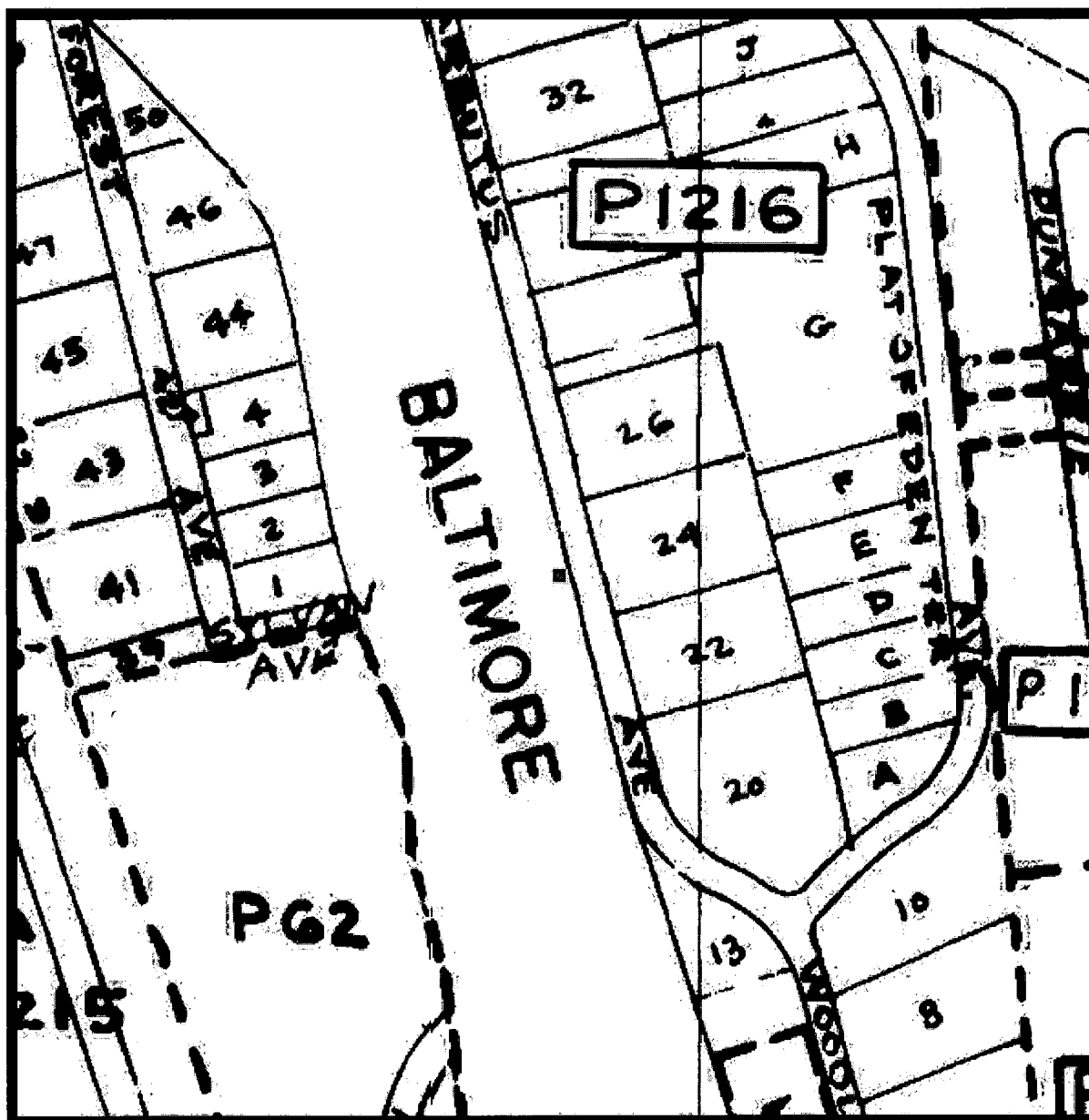
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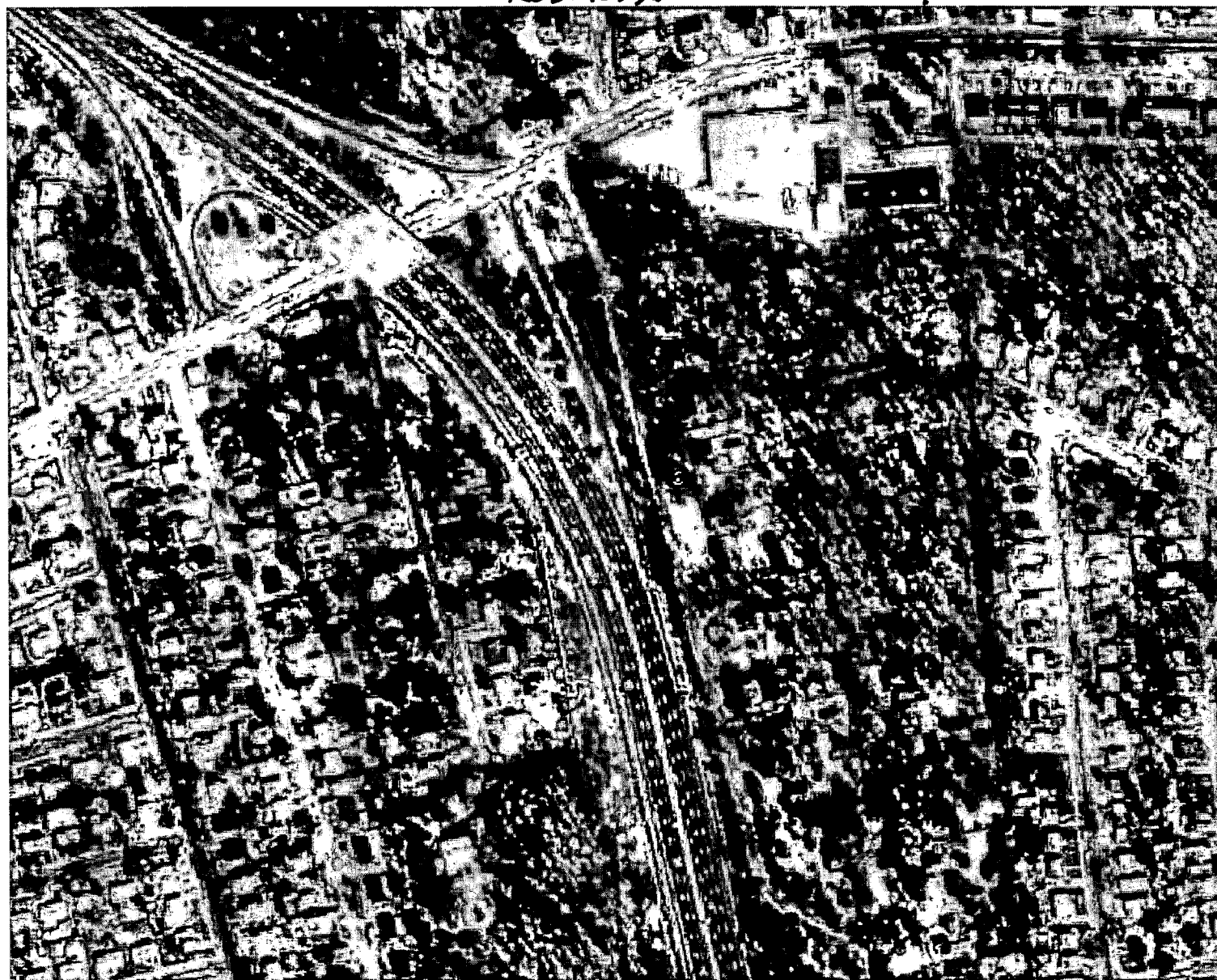
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- Schools, Crime and Demographics for 21043
- Schools, Crime and Demographics for 21228
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Maryland Department of Transportation

October 22, 2004

The Honorable Kevin Kamenetz  
Baltimore County Council  
Room 205  
400 Washington Avenue  
Towson MD 21204-4606

Dear Councilmember Kamenetz:

Thank you for your letter to State Highway Administration (SHA) District Engineer David J. Malkowski on behalf of the Rockland Homeowners Association, whose homes are located along the inner loop of I-695 between Grasty Road and Falls Road in Baltimore County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to the association's concerns about sound barriers along I-695 near this community.

There are two sound barriers along the inner loop of I-695 between Greenspring Avenue and Falls Road. The first one begins at Greenspring Avenue and ends approximately 930 feet east of Grasty Road. This barrier protects the homes along Greenlea Drive and Grasty Road. There is approximately 490 feet of open space along the highway before the second barrier begins. This second barrier protects homes and properties in the Rockland area closest to the highway and to the west of Falls Road.

The residents on Stone Mill Road and Still Forest Road are not protected by these barriers, however. We have been in contact with the community representative, Ms. Joan Palmer, and we have agreed to review these areas to see whether they qualify for noise abatement. This analysis, which will begin in November, will look at the impact of the most recent highway improvements on the homes which predate the 1991 approval of those improvements. Based upon our records, the homes in the Rockland community were built between 1979 and 1990, with the majority having been built in the early 1980s. To meet the technical requirements for a barrier, these homes will have to meet one of the following sets of criteria:

- 1) *highway noise levels must reach a minimum of 66 decibels, with an increase of at least three decibels in the design year (2010) over noise levels anticipated if the highway were not improved.*
- 2) *highway traffic noise levels in the design year (2010) are predicted to have increased by 10 decibels or more over present noise levels.*
- 3) *highway noise levels must reach a minimum of 72 decibels, with an increase of at least one decibel in the design year (2010) over noise levels anticipated if the highway were not improved.*

If any one of these sets of conditions is met, we will then determine whether we can reduce the excess noise levels for a reasonable cost. The three-decibel threshold described in the first scenario was established because the human ear only begins to discern a change in noise levels if the change is between three and five decibels.

My telephone number/toll-free number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

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The Honorable Kevin Kamenetz  
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Thank you again for your letter and your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at [cadams@sha.state.md.us](mailto:cadams@sha.state.md.us). He will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA  
The Honorable James Brochin, Member, Senate of Maryland  
Ms. Suzanne Z. Fox  
Mr. David J. Malkowski, District Engineer, SHA  
Ms. Joan H. Palmer  
The Honorable James T. Smith, Jr., Baltimore County Executive

The Honorable Kevin Kamenetz  
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bcc: Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, Director of Communications, SHA  
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA  
Ms. Nicole Ross, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA  
Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of  
Transportation  
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA  
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA  
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA  
Ms. Frances Ward, Community Liaison, SHA

**Serial #:** None

**OED Serial#:** None

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**Responding to letter dated:** Follow-up to 09-14-2004 letter from Councilmember Kamenetz to SHA Dist. Eng. Malkowski on behalf of the Rockland Homeowners Association; the group is requesting a sound barrier along I-695 (inner loop); Mr. Kamenetz wrote:

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*"Thank you for your cooperation."*

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Please Reply to:  
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Highway Engineering District 4  
Baltimore and Harford Counties

October 5, 2004

TEAMWORK  
Noise Team

The Honorable Kevin Kamenetz  
Baltimore County Council  
Court House, Second Floor  
Towson MD 21204

Dear Councilman Kamenetz: *Kevin*

Thank you for your letter regarding the Rockland Homeowners' Association's request for a sound wall along the Inner Loop of I-695 between Greenspring Avenue and Falls Road. We appreciate your interest in this matter.

I have forwarded your letter to Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of the State Highway Administration's Office of Environmental Design, so the Noise Abatement Team may investigate the Association's concerns and reply to you directly.

Thank you again for your letter. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-321-2810, 1-800-962-3077 or at [dmalkowski@sha.state.md.us](mailto:dmalkowski@sha.state.md.us). Mr. Adams can be reached at 410-545-8640, 1-800-446-5962 or at [cadams@sha.state.md.us](mailto:cadams@sha.state.md.us).

Sincerely,

David J. Malkowski  
Metropolitan District Engineer  
Baltimore and Harford Counties

DJM:FMW  
Attachment

cc: ☒ Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design (w/incoming)  
The Honorable James D. Brochin, Senate of Maryland  
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COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY  
COURT HOUSE, TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

KEVIN KAMENETZ  
COUNCILMAN, SECOND DISTRICT

COUNCIL OFFICE: 410-887-3196  
FACSIMILE: 410-887-5791

September 14, 2004

David Malkowski  
District 4 Engineer  
State Highway Administration  
2323 W. Joppa Road  
Brooklandville, Maryland 21022

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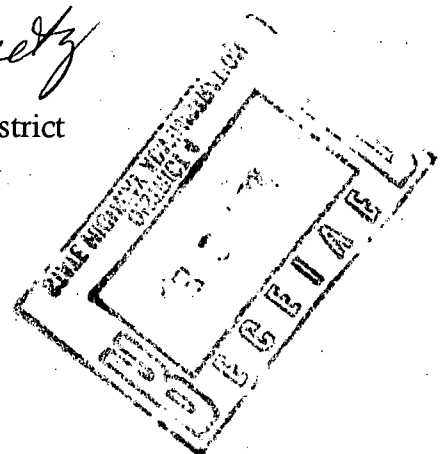
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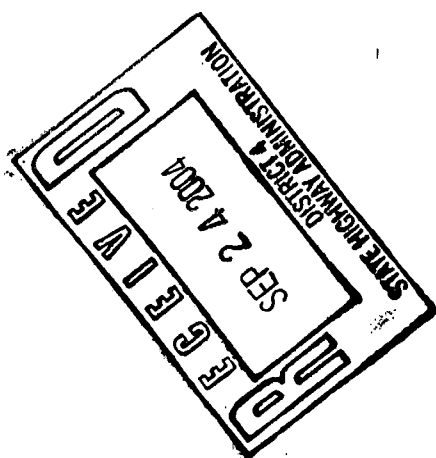
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Councilman, Second District

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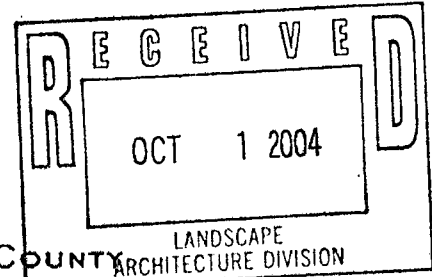
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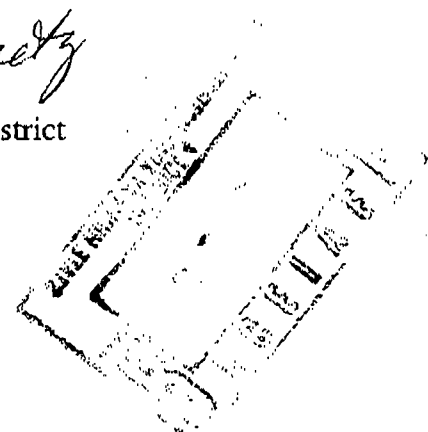
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*Kevin Kamenetz*  
Kevin Kamenetz  
Councilman, Second District

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cc: Joanie Palmer  
Suzanne Fox > RESIDENTS  
Senator James D. Brochin - ST. SENATOR  
The Honorable James T. Smith COUNTY EXEC  
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Please Reply to:  
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Highway Engineering District 4  
Baltimore and Harford Counties

## DISTRICT 4 FAX MEMO

DATE:

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TO:

Ted Severe

410-209-5003

(Name and Phone Number)

FROM:

Fran Ward

(Name and Phone Number)

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Please forward this fax to the above person as soon as possible. If you have any problems with this transaction, please call our District 4 Office at (410)321-2800. The telephone number for the Fax machine at the District 4 office is (410)321-2808.

Ted, here's the letter we just discussed  
on the phone. Can the Team please respond  
to Councilman Kamenetz directly?  
(We will send an acknowledgment letter)

Thanks, Fran

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## Owner Information

Owner Name: PALMER JOAN H Use: RESIDENTIAL  
Principal Residence: YES  
Mailing Address: 2432 STILL FOREST RD Deed Reference: 1) /15136/ 503  
BALTIMORE MD 21208-3431 2) /15136/ 499

410-823-9110

## Location &amp; Structure Information

Premises Address  
2432 STILL FOREST RD

Legal Description  
.6719 AC  
2432 STILL FOREST RD NS  
ROCKLAND

| Map | Grid | Parcel | Sub District | Subdivision | Section | Block | Lot | Group | Plat No: | Plat Ref: |
|-----|------|--------|--------------|-------------|---------|-------|-----|-------|----------|-----------|
| 69  | 7    | 28     |              |             |         |       | 48  | 81    |          | 73/ 16    |

Special Tax Areas  
Town  
Ad Valorem  
Tax Class

| Primary Structure Built | Enclosed Area | Property Land Area | County Use |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------|
| 1983                    | 4,194 SF      | 29,267.00 SF       | 04         |

| Stories | Basement | Type          | Exterior |
|---------|----------|---------------|----------|
| 1       | YES      | STANDARD UNIT | FRAME    |

## Value Information

|                    | Base Value | Value As Of | Phase-in Assessments As Of |
|--------------------|------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Land:              | 250,000    | 250,000     | 07/01/2004                 |
| Improvements:      | 751,750    | 751,750     | 07/01/2005                 |
| Total:             | 1,001,750  | 1,001,750   | 1,001,750                  |
| Preferential Land: | 0          | 0           | 0                          |

## Transfer Information

| Seller: | Date:  | Price: |
|---------|--------|--------|
| Type:   | Deed1: | Deed2: |
| Seller: | Date:  | Price: |
| Type:   | Deed1: | Deed2: |
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## Exemption Information

| Partial Exempt Assessments | Class | 07/01/2004 | 07/01/2005 |
|----------------------------|-------|------------|------------|
| County                     | 000   | 0          | 0          |
| State                      | 000   | 0          | 0          |
| Municipal                  | 000   | 0          | 0          |

Tax Exempt: NO  
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

\* NONE \*

EO's - Dist 42 - Sr. James Brodwin

Del. Susan &amp; L.M. Lomann

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## Owner Information

Owner Name: FOX R JOHN  
FOX SUZANNE Z  
Use: RESIDENTIAL  
Principal Residence: YES  
Mailing Address: 2437 STILL FOREST RD  
BALTIMORE MD 21208-3411  
Deed Reference: 1) /11791/ 263  
2)

## Location &amp; Structure Information

Premises Address  
2437 STILL FOREST RD

Legal Description  
.1907 AC  
2437 STILL FOREST RD  
ROCKLAND

| Map | Grid | Parcel | Sub District | Subdivision | Section | Block | Lot | Group | Plat No:  |        |
|-----|------|--------|--------------|-------------|---------|-------|-----|-------|-----------|--------|
| 69  | 7    | 28     |              |             | 1       |       | 56  | 81    | 2         |        |
|     |      |        |              |             |         |       |     |       | Plat Ref: | 46/ 53 |

## Special Tax Areas

Town  
Ad Valorem  
Tax Class

| Primary Structure Built | Enclosed Area   | Property Land Area | County Use        |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1974                    | 2,998 SF        | 8,310.00 SF        | 04                |
| Stories<br>1 1/2        | Basement<br>YES | Type<br>END UNIT   | Exterior<br>FRAME |

## Value Information

|                    | Base Value | Value As Of 01/01/2002 | Phase-In Assessments As Of 07/01/2004 | As Of 07/01/2005 |
|--------------------|------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Land:              | 180,000    | 180,000                |                                       |                  |
| Improvements:      | 319,550    | 319,550                |                                       |                  |
| Total:             | 499,550    | 499,550                | 499,550                               | NOT AVAIL        |
| Preferential Land: | 0          | 0                      | 0                                     | NOT AVAIL        |

## Transfer Information

|                            |                    |                  |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Seller: BASIK THEODORE S   | Date: 09/10/1996   | Price: \$405,000 |
| Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH      | Deed1: /11791/ 263 | Deed2:           |
| Seller: FISHER JACK C      | Date: 06/09/1992   | Price: \$427,500 |
| Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH | Deed1: /19215/ 324 | Deed2:           |
| Seller:                    | Date:              | Price:           |
| Type:                      | Deed1:             | Deed2:           |

## Exemption Information

| Partial Exempt Assessments | Class | 07/01/2004 | 07/01/2005 |
|----------------------------|-------|------------|------------|
| County                     | 000   | 0          | 0          |
| State                      | 000   | 0          | 0          |
| Municipal                  | 000   | 0          | 0          |

Tax Exempt: NO  
Exempt Class:

## Special Tax Recapture:

\* NONE \*

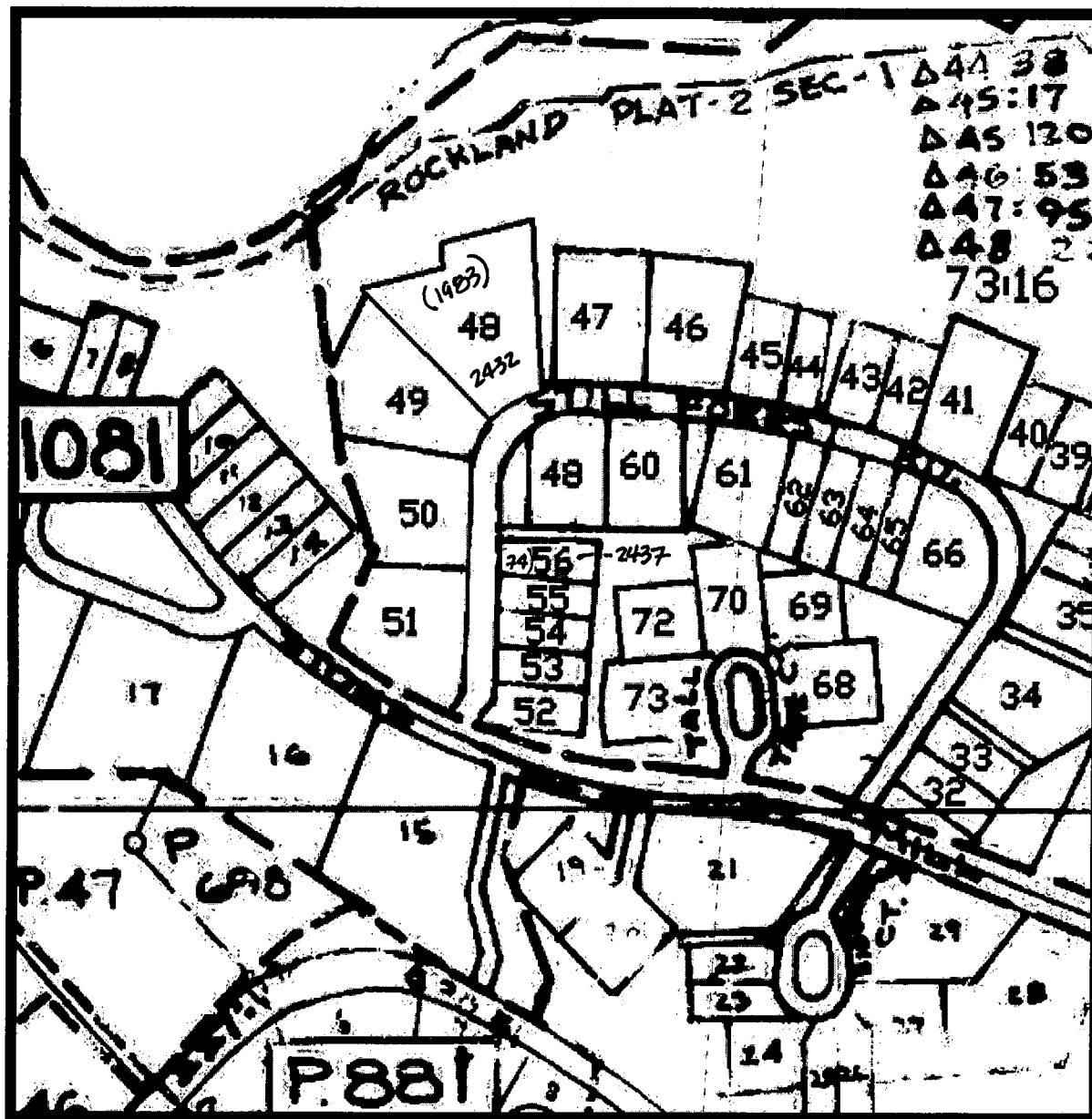
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| <u>ROCKLAND HOMEOWNE</u> | 03 1800004437 | STONE MILL RD           | N       | 69 1081    |
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| <u>GOLDMAN ROBERT MR</u> | 03 1800007973 | 2411 STONE MILL RD 83   | H       | 69 28      |
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| <u>RESNICK MURRAY I</u>  | 03 1800007964 | 2423 STONE MILL RD 79   | H       | 69 28      |
| <u>GLAZER WILLIAM</u>    | 03 1800004432 | 2500 STONE MILL RD 79   | H       | 69 1081    |
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| <u>RAPOPORT ROSALIE</u>  | 03 1800004431 | 2502 STONE MILL RD 79   | H       | 69 1081    |
| <u>LAZINSKY IRVIN I</u>  | 03 1800004434 | 2503 STONE MILL RD 82   | H       | 69 1081    |
| <u>COHEN MICHAEL L</u>   | 03 1800004430 | 2504 STONE MILL RD 79   | H       | 69 1081    |
| <u>HIMELES BETTY JEA</u> | 03 1800004435 | 2505 STONE MILL RD 81   | H       | 69 1081    |
| <u>YAFFE LINDA</u>       | 03 1800004429 | 2506 STONE MILL RD 79   | H       | 69 1081    |
| <u>HIMMELRICH SAMUEL</u> | 03 1800004436 | 2507 STONE MILL RD 82   | H       | 69 1081    |
| <u>FREDEKING LINDA</u>   | 03 1800004428 | 2508 STONE MILL RD 79   | H       | 69 1081    |
| <u>THANHOUSER SALLY</u>  | 03 1800004427 | 2510 STONE MILL RD 79   | H       | 69 1081    |
| <u>SCHREIBER EUGENE</u>  | 03 1800004426 | 2512 STONE MILL RD 79   | N       | 69 1081    |
| <u>DOTT ESTHER J</u>     | 03 1800004425 | 2514 STONE MILL RD 79   | H       | 69 1081    |
| <u>STILLER SHALE D</u>   | 03 1800004424 | 2516 STONE MILL RD 79   | H       | 69 1081    |
| <u>DALSHEIMER GEORGE</u> | 03 1800004423 | 2518 STONE MILL RD 79   | H       | 69 1081    |
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| <u>GOLDSTOCK HARVEY</u>  | 03 1800004421 | 2522 STONE MILL RD 79   | H       | 69 1081    |
| <u>PRESTON ARNOLD V</u>  | 03 1800004420 | 2524 STONE MILL RD 79   | H       | 69 1081    |
| <u>EDISON JEFFREY S</u>  | 03 1800004419 | 2526 STONE MILL RD 79   | H       | 69 1081    |

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## Owner Information

Owner Name: EDISON JEFFREY S Use: RESIDENTIAL  
Principal Residence: YES  
Mailing Address: 2526 STONEMILL RD Deed Reference: 1) /18233/ 209  
BALTIMORE MD 21208-3414 2)

## Location &amp; Structure Information

Premises Address  
2526 STONE MILL RD

Legal Description  
11702 SQ FT  
2526 STONE MILL RD  
ROCKLAND

| Map | Grid | Parcel | Sub District | Subdivision | Section | Block | Lot | Group | Plat No:  |              |
|-----|------|--------|--------------|-------------|---------|-------|-----|-------|-----------|--------------|
| 69  | 7    | 1081   |              |             | 1       |       | 1   | 81    | Plat Ref: | 1<br>43/ 122 |

Special Tax Areas Town  
Ad Valorem  
Tax Class

| Primary Structure Built | Enclosed Area   | Property Land Area | County Use        |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1979                    | 2,639 SF        | 11,702.00 SF       | 04                |
| Stories<br>1            | Basement<br>YES | Type<br>END UNIT   | Exterior<br>FRAME |

## Value Information

|                    | Base Value | Value As Of 01/01/2002 | Phase-In Assessments As Of 07/01/2004 | As Of 07/01/2005 |
|--------------------|------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Land:              | 180,000    | 180,000                |                                       |                  |
| Improvements:      | 318,290    | 318,290                |                                       |                  |
| Total:             | 498,290    | 498,290                | 498,290                               | NOT AVAIL        |
| Preferential Land: | 0          | 0                      | 0                                     | NOT AVAIL        |

## Transfer Information

|                            |                    |                  |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Seller: MEYER MORTON H     | Date: 06/19/2003   | Price: \$810,000 |
| Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH | Deed1: /18233/ 209 | Deed2:           |
| Seller: GOLDMAN ROBERT M   | Date: 12/03/1982   | Price: \$273,175 |
| Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH | Deed1: / 6472/ 792 | Deed2:           |
| Seller:                    | Date:              | Price:           |
| Type:                      | Deed1:             | Deed2:           |

## Exemption Information

| Partial Exempt Assessments | Class | 07/01/2004 | 07/01/2005 |
|----------------------------|-------|------------|------------|
| County                     | 000   | 0          | 0          |
| State                      | 000   | 0          | 0          |
| Municipal                  | 000   | 0          | 0          |

Tax Exempt: NO  
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

\* NONE \*

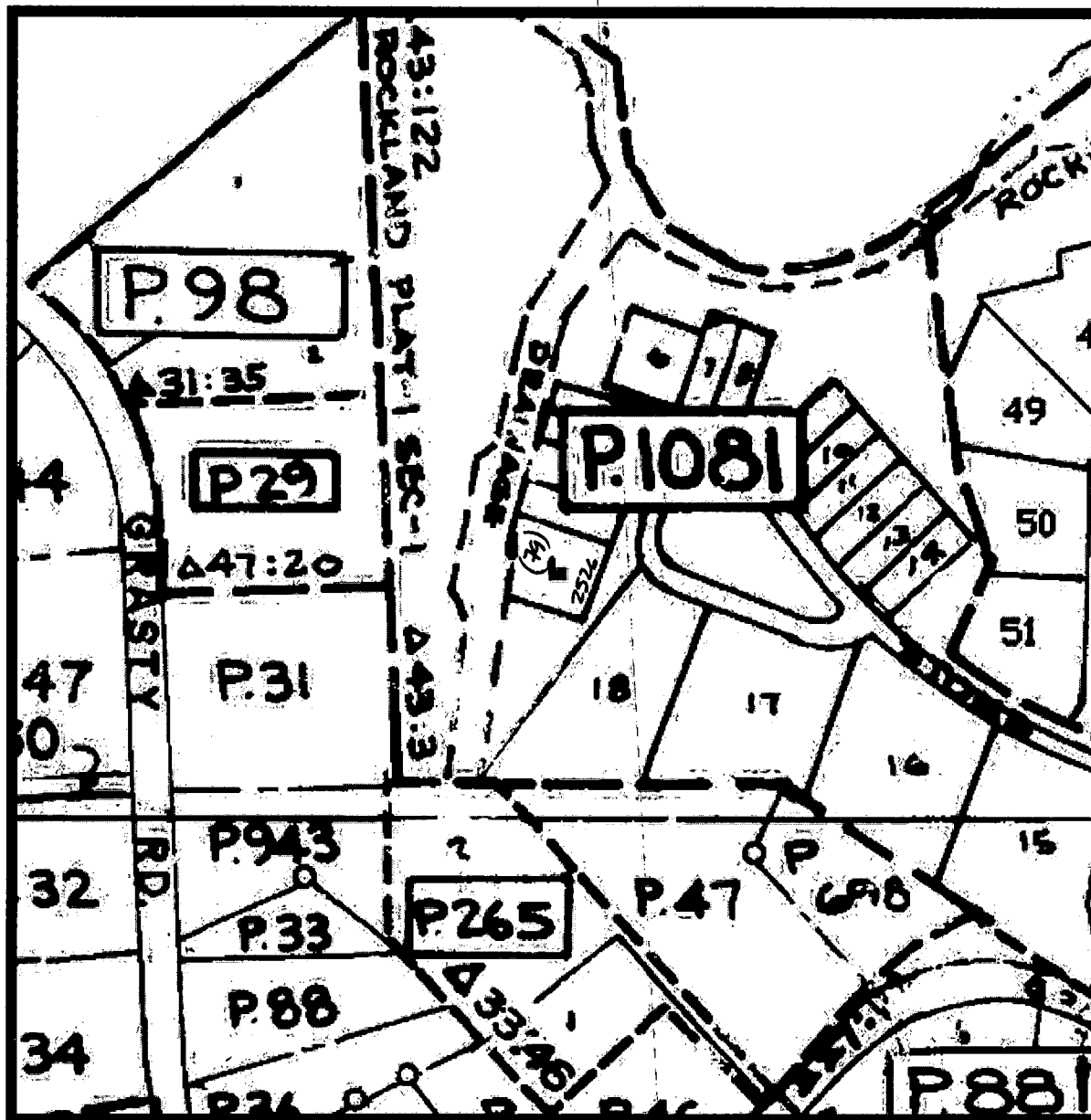
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| <u>COPLAN HELEN F</u>    | 03 1800007974 | 1 HIDDENWOOD CT 84  | H       | 69 28      |
| <u>WEINMAN SALLY S</u>   | 03 1800007972 | 3 HIDDENWOOD CT 80  | H       | 69 28      |
| <u>MANEKIN HAROLD</u>    | 03 1800007967 | 4 HIDDENWOOD CT 80  | H       | 69 28      |
| <u>WHITEHOUSE LEONAR</u> | 03 1800007971 | 5 HIDDENWOOD CT 80  | H       | 69 28      |
| <u>SCHERR STANLEY</u>    | 03 1800007968 | 6 HIDDENWOOD CT 80  | H       | 69 28      |
| <u>RANKIN SYLVAN</u>     | 03 1800007969 | 8 HIDDENWOOD CT 80  | H       | 69 28      |
| <u>OSTERGAARD ERIC</u>   | 03 1800007970 | 10 HIDDENWOOD CT 80 | H       | 69 28      |

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| <u>IGLEHART COURTNEY</u> | 03 1800014073 | 2 TALL TREE CT 82 | H       | 69 28      |
| <u>MORTIMER WILLIAM</u>  | 03 1800014069 | 3 TALL TREE CT 81 | H       | 69 28      |
| <u>LEVIN MARILYN REI</u> | 03 1800014072 | 4 TALL TREE CT 83 | H       | 69 28      |
| <u>THORNER SALLY A</u>   | 03 1800014070 | 5 TALL TREE CT 81 | H       | 69 28      |
| <u>ELIASBERG H VOSS</u>  | 03 1800014071 | 6 TALL TREE CT 82 | H       | 69 28      |



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| BERNSTEIN DAVID H  | 03 1800007978 | 2403 STILL FOREST R 80   | H       | 69 28      |
| CARTON MARSHATRUS  | 03 1800007979 | 2405 STILL FOREST R 80   | H       | 69 28      |
| GARTHE H CARL      | 03 1800007980 | 2407 STILL FOREST R 80   | H       | 69 28      |
| RAFFEL ERWIN S     | 03 1800007981 | 2409 STILL FOREST R 80   | H       | 69 28      |
| BERMAN HOWARD M    | 03 1800007982 | 2411 STILL FOREST R 80   | H       | 69 28      |
| BROOKS W GILL      | 03 1800007983 | 2413 STILL FOREST R 80   | H       | 69 28      |
| BLOCK MOLLYE S     | 03 1800007984 | 2414 STILL FOREST R 80   | H       | 69 28      |
| YOUNG WILHELMINA   | 03 1800007985 | 2416 STILL FOREST R 80   | H       | 69 28      |
| SEMANS TRUMAN T    | 03 1800008011 | 2417 STILL FOREST R 80   | H       | 69 28      |
| POZEFSKY THOMAS    | 03 1800007986 | 2418 STILL FOREST R 88   | H       | 69 28      |
| SIROTA WILBERT H   | 03 1800008010 | 2419 STILL FOREST R 81   | H       | 69 28      |
| DEOUL KATHLEEN B   | 03 1800007987 | 2420 STILL FOREST R 81   | H       | 69 28      |
| MITCHELL DIANE HO  | 03 1800008009 | 2421 STILL FOREST R 81   | N       | 69 28      |
| ABRAMSON ALAN      | 03 1800007988 | 2422 STILL FOREST R 82   | H       | 69 28      |
| RIES E CAREY       | 03 1800008008 | 2423 STILL FOREST R 82   | H       | 69 28      |
| COHEN STANLEY      | 03 1800007989 | 2424 STILL FOREST R 80   | H       | 69 28      |
| CHARLES ALLAN F    | 03 1800008007 | 2425 STILL FOREST R 82   | H       | 69 28      |
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| BILLIG JACK F      | 03 1800008006 | 2427 STILL FOREST R 80   | H       | 69 28      |
| GOMP Recht VIRGINI | 03 1800007991 | 2428 STILL FOREST R 79   | H       | 69 28      |
| STEINBERG JANET G  | 03 1800013008 | 2429 STILL FOREST R 80   | H       | 69 28      |
| KHOURI NAGI        | 03 1800007992 | 2430 STILL FOREST R 90   | H       | 69 28      |
| → PALMER JOAN H    | 03 2300011708 | 2432 STILL FOREST R 83   | H       | 69 28      |
| HELLER MARGOT W    | 03 1800007994 | 2434 STILL FOREST R 79   | H       | 69 28      |
| FISHER MORTON PJR  | 03 1800013007 | 2435 STILL FOREST R 80   | H       | 69 28      |
| JACOBSON SANFORD   | 03 1800007995 | 2436 STILL FOREST R 83   | H       | 69 28      |
| → FOX R JOHN       | 03 1800008001 | 2437 STILL FOREST R 74   | H       | 69 28      |
| WYMAN M RICHARD    | 03 1800007996 | 2438 STILL FOREST R 96 ← | N       | 69 28      |
| GINSBURG WENDY D   | 03 1800008000 | 2439 STILL FOREST R 80   | H       | 69 28      |
| BUCHSBAUM NORMAN   | 03 1800007999 | 2441 STILL FOREST R 79   | H       | 69 28      |
| MORGAN ROSEANN K   | 03 1800007998 | 2443 STILL FOREST R 80   | H       | 69 28      |
| DAVIDOV LYNN R     | 03 1800007997 | 2445 STILL FOREST R 79   | H       | 69 28      |



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November 30, 2004

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor  
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Maryland Department of Transportation

February 12, 2004

Mr. Ronald Lepson  
Chief, Bureau of Engineering  
Howard County Department of Public Works  
9250 Bendix Road  
Columbia MD 21045-1800

Dear Mr. Lepson: *Ren*

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Allview Estates community regarding the sound barrier project along northbound US 29 between Seneca Drive and the ramp to eastbound Broken Land Parkway. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2004, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Banneker Room, located on the first floor of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sound barrier for the community and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least 75 percent of the impacted property owners that would benefit from the barrier. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to those impacted homeowners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of 66 decibels or greater. The purpose of the vote will be to obtain agreement on the construction of sound barriers in order that we may continue to proceed with the design of the barriers.

Property owners who are unable to attend this meeting will receive a summary of the meeting and copies of all materials distributed at the meeting approximately seven to ten days following the meeting. Voting cards will also be included for impacted property owners who are unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Ronald Lepson  
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Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Nicole Ross, our Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962, or [nross@sha.state.md.us](mailto:nross@sha.state.md.us). She will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA  
Mr. Robert L. Fisher, District Engineer, SHA  
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Ms. Nicole Ross, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA

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bcc: Ms. Valerie Burnette Edgar, Director of Communications, SHA  
Ms. Deanna Peel, Special Assistant to the Honorable Guy Guzzone, Member, Howard  
County Council  
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA  
Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, MDOT  
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA  
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Liaison, SHA

**Serial #:** None

**OED Serial#:** None

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**Responding to letter dated:** Invitation to elected and HO Co officials for the Allview Estates community in HO Co to attend the SHA-hosted community informational meeting on 03-18-2004 in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City; meeting to run from 7 to 9 pm with displays available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., *Governor*  
Michael S. Steele, *Lt. Governor*

Robert L. Flanagan, *Secretary*  
Neil J. Pedersen, *Administrator*

Maryland Department of Transportation

November 30, 2004

Mr. David J. Malkowski  
Metropolitan District Engineer  
2323 West Joppa Road  
Lutherville-Timonium MD 21093-4607

Dear Mr. Malkowski:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Catonsville Heights community regarding the proposed sound barrier along the outer loop of I-695 from Ingleside Avenue to south of Frederick Road in Baltimore County. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2004, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Meeting room of the Catonsville Library, 1100 Frederick Road in Catonsville. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sound barrier proposed for this project and to seek concurrence on the construction of a barrier from at least 75 percent of the owners whose homes will be *both impacted* by highway noise in the design year (2025) *and benefited* by a barrier. "Impacted" homes are those which are predicted to experience either: a 10 decibel increase in highway noise levels over existing conditions; or highway noise levels of 66 decibels or more that would be at least 3 decibels higher in 2025 than if the highway had not been built. "Benefited" homes are those for which a barrier will provide at least a 3-decibel reduction in highway noise (if they are impacted) or a 5-decibel reduction (if they are not impacted). We will distribute vote cards to qualifying owners who attend the meeting and will mail vote cards, along with materials that are distributed at the meeting, to qualifying owners who are unable to attend.

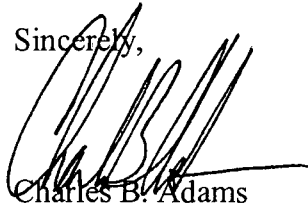
My telephone number/toll-free number is ~~410-545-8640~~ or ~~1-800-446-5962~~  
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Sincerely,



Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

cc: The Honorable Emmett C. Burns, Jr., Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable Steven J. DeBoy, Sr., Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer, Member, Senate of Maryland  
The Honorable Delores G. Kelley, Member, Senate of Maryland  
The Honorable James E. Malone, Jr., Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable Stephen G. Samuel Moxley, Member, Baltimore County Council  
The Honorable Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
Ms. Nicole Ross, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Environmental Design, State  
Highway Administration

Mr. David J. Malkowski  
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bcc: Ms. Karen Arnold, Environmental Analyst, Office of Planning and Preliminary  
Engineering, State Highway Administration  
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Joseph Kresslein, Assistant Division Chief, Project Planning, Office of Planning and  
Preliminary Engineering, State Highway Administration  
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway  
Administration  
Ms. Frances Ward, Community Liaison, State Highway Administration

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor  
Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor

Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary  
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

November 30, 2004

The Honorable James E. Malone, Jr.  
Maryland House of Delegates  
5408 East Drive  
Arbutus MD 21227-2604

Dear ~~Delegate Malone:~~ Jim

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Catonsville Heights community regarding the sound barrier that is proposed for the outer loop of I-695, from Ingleside Avenue to south of Frederick Road, in Baltimore County. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2004, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Catonsville Library, 1100 Frederick Road, in Catonsville. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

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Sincerely,

*Neil J. Pedersen*

Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

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Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA  
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA  
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA  
Ms. Frances Ward, Community Liaison, SHA

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor  
Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor

Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary  
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

March 8, 2004

The Honorable Christopher Merdon  
Howard County Council  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City MD 21043-4392

Dear Councilmember Merdon:

This letter is a follow-up to the recent e-mail message from your constituent, Mr. Bernard J. Stangle, that you forwarded to me, requesting that measurements of highway traffic noise be taken in the Wheatfields community. This area is adjacent to northbound MD 100 and south of Long Gate Parkway. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to you about this community.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers in two circumstances, designated as "Type I" and "Type II." In "Type I" situations, barriers are considered when a new highway is being built or an existing highway is being expanded. At this time, we have no plans for additional improvements to this portion of MD 100 that would warrant a Type I sound barrier evaluation.

When a highway already exists and is *not* being expanded—so that Type I criteria do not apply—a community that predates the original highway may be considered for our "Type II," or "retrofit," sound barrier program. The intent of the Type II program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analyses became a part of the highway development process. All of the following technical criteria must be met for a Type II barrier to be approved: the majority of impacted homes must predate the highway; existing noise levels must equal or exceed the 66-decibel impact threshold; and an effective barrier must be able to be built for \$50,000 or less per benefited home. If these criteria are met, the county in which the community is located must have an ordinance that addresses the impact of highway traffic noise on new residential development, and the county must agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost.

The development history of MD 100 in the area near the Wheatfields dates back as far as 1986, with the initiation of planning studies. Over the course of the next three years, SHA conducted environmental studies and public workshops and hearings related to the project, culminating with the approval of the Final Environmental Impact Statement in mid 1989. In 1989, when the section of Wheatfields that is situated along the ramp to Long Gate Parkway was ultimately built, the plans for MD 100 were well known and represented on the Howard County Master Plan.

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Although this community does not meet the qualifying date to be considered for a sound barrier, SHA has worked with Howard County in the past to provide some relief for these residents. The result was an earthen berm, built from dirt that was excavated for the MD 100 interchange with US 29 (as part of the project to construct MD 100 eastward to MD 104 in 1994). This berm was built in response to a specific request from the Wheatfields community. The privacy fence along the top of the berm, which protects some Wheatfields residences, was included in the contract and funded by Howard County. It was not possible to extend the berm to the east, to cover Autumn Harvest Court, as a result of right-of-way constraints and adverse impacts to wetlands and stream floodplains.

The combination earthen berm and sound barrier that was constructed along MD 100 for the Brampton Hills community, just south and east of the Autumn Harvest Court area, was affected by the same constraints as the berm for Wheatfields. The termination points of the berm and the barrier were designed to protect areas of noise impact in Brampton Hills. The two earthen berms were not connected for several reasons. First, it was determined that the Autumn Harvest Court area, between the berms, did not experience the minimum level of highway noise to be considered for noise abatement. Noise levels were measured during the evening peak period in Fall 1997. Testing sites were located on the rear deck at 8778 Autumn Harvest Court and in the backyard of 8782 Autumn Harvest Court. The average noise level was found to be 57 to 58 decibels, confirming that the Autumn Harvest Court residences were not impacted by highway noise, as defined in our policy.

In July 2003, a study was conducted to assess the effects of minor lane adjustments proposed for the ramps to and from the US 29 interchange at MD 100. This study included testing of existing noise levels at two locations and comparative predictions of the anticipated increase in noise associated with the minor lane adjustments. The results showed a maximum increase in noise of 1 decibel and further showed that neither existing nor future noise would reach or exceed our 66-decibel impact threshold. Additionally, the newer housing, which has been constructed more recently in the area between Autumn Harvest Court and MD 100, likely helps to shield some of the homes on Autumn Harvest Court. These newer homes, closer to MD 100 than those on Autumn Harvest Court, would not be eligible for noise abatement because they do not predate the approval of the highway. Overall, the results of this study demonstrate that the earth berm, along the Long Gate Parkway ramp from westbound MD 100, provides some noise protection for the residences in the area. Given the history of this area and the knowledge that it does not meet the criteria for consideration for a sound barrier, the expense of taking additional noise measurements is not warranted. And, even if cost were not a factor, we would not want to raise hopes, by conducting a study, which we would not be able to fulfill.

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Thank you for your inquiry and interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at [cadams@sha.state.md.us](mailto:cadams@sha.state.md.us). He will be happy to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,

*Neil J. Pedersen*

Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA  
The Honorable Gail H. Bates, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
Mr. Robert L. Fisher, District Engineer, SHA  
The Honorable Robert H. Kittleman, Member, Senate of Maryland  
The Honorable Warren E. Miller, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
Mr. Bernard J. Stangle

The Honorable Christopher Merdon  
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bcc: James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA  
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Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, MDOT  
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA

**Serial #:** None

**OED Serial#:** None

**Noise Customer #:** 2770

**Responding to letter dated:** Follow-up to 02-03-2004 e-mail from Mr. Stangle to Councilmember Merdon; Mr. Stangle wrote:

*"The Route 100 road noise level for the Wheatfield community is having an adverse result in our quality of life.*

*"The last road noise impact analysis on the Wheatfield Community which is adjacent to Brampton Hill West development was November 30, 1999. There has been numerous changes to route 100 and route 29 which has caused a substantial increase in the noise coming from Route 100.*

*"Please take the appropriate action to have another road impact analysis completed on the Wheatfield community (noise from route 100)."*

Mr. Merdon forwarded Mr. Stangle's e-mail to SHA Admin. Pedersen and wrote:

*"Please see an email from a Howard County, District 1 constituent, Bernie Stangle. On behalf of Mr. Stangle and his community, I would like to request an analysis by SHA of noise levels along Rt. 100 that impact the Wheatfield community. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me or my assistant Terry Chaconas."*

Mr. Pedersen e-mailed the following to Mr. Merdon:

*"I will have our Director of Environmental Design follow up and get back to you with the results."*

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**From:** NEIL PEDERSEN  
**To:** Chris Merdon  
**Date:** 02/05/2004 9:58:06 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Fw: road noise level for the Wheatfield community

Chris,

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Neil

>>> "Chris Merdon" <cmerdon@co.ho.md.us> 02/04/04 03:13PM >>>  
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Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Chris Merdon

Christopher J. Merdon  
Howard County Council - District 1  
410/313-2001  
410/313-3297 fax

----- Original Message -----

From: Bernie Stangle  
To: [cmerdon@co.ho.md.us](mailto:cmerdon@co.ho.md.us)  
Cc: Bowers, Jeff  
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2004 6:21 PM  
Subject: road noise level for the Wheatfield community

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Thank you,  
Bernie Stangle  
8504 Autumn Harvest

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Ellicott City, MD 21043  
410-461-7883

Copy to: Jeff Bowers (Wheatfield association president)

CC: CHARLES ADAMS



>>> CHARLES ADAMS 02/05/2004 11:07:59 AM >>>

Jim, please contact the citizen and set up a measurement study.

Thanks

Charlie

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Neil

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Christopher J. Merton

Howard County Council - District 1

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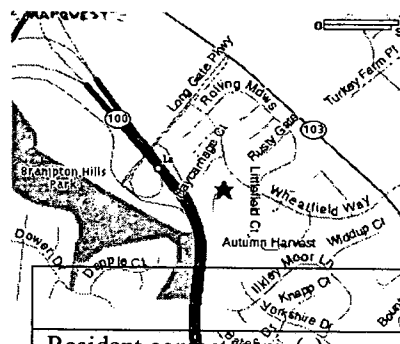
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Ellicott City, MD 21043

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Howard County  
MD 100, WB East of US 29  
Wheatfields



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| n/a                              | n/a                             | n/a                            | Letter commitment date           |

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| Resident contact name(s)  | Christopher Peduzzi<br>Bernie Stangle 2/5/04 | Phone, not written                 | End of Feb 03<br>Summer 04       | 7/7/03 <a href="#">↗</a> |
| Elected official Contacts | None w. Peduzzi<br>Chris Merdon for Stangle  | <a href="#">✉</a> E-mail to NJP    |                                  |                          |
| SHA Contact               | Jim                                          |                                    |                                  |                          |
| Consultant                | WT Ballard                                   | Mike Kelly                         | w. Straughan                     |                          |

Noise History This link is to a file on Jim's PC, Matthew will provide link to Server later.

Action: Policy issues need to be closed before final report can be published.

**Status:** 2/5/04: CBA Directs new analysis for this area.

June 18, 2003: KDP reviewing WTBallard report for US29 widening that contains this area. There is a Policy Decision that needs to be made before SHA can close the report for this whole project.

June 03: Mr. Peduzzi calls Nicole (and is unhappy about lack of response).

Wilson T. Ballard was given the documentation on the US 29 widening and was asked to revise according to our comments in the previous documents, and current application of policy. They returned a Final draft in January but Jim did not have a chance to review it. Ken Polcak is reviewing 6/17/03.

Mr. Peduzzi requested copies of noise report related to initial construction of MD 100, and latest widening. "We were looking into the request to see what we could send as the analysis for the widening (underway) had not been closed because of potential policy changes". The file suggests that SHA and Howard County DPZ and the developer had an agreement, but there are no official documents that support the information.

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**From:** CHARLES ADAMS  
**To:** JHade  
**Date:** 02/05/2004 11:07:59 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Fw: road noise level for the Wheatfield community

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Thanks

Charlie

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**From:** NICOLE ROSS  
**To:** CHARLES ADAMS  
**Date:** 02/19/2004 4:16:04 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Wheatfields Community

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Charlie,

Please see the attached e-mail from Jim regarding the status of the Wheatfields community. We are currently preparing a letter of response for Mr. Bernie Stangle. Thanks,

Nicole

**CC:** JIM HADE

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(with CC)

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**From:** NICOLE ROSS  
**To:** JIM HADE  
**Date:** 02/18/2004 10:12:49 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Fw: road noise level for the Wheatfield community

Jim,

I received your e-mail yesterday regarding noise measurements for the Wheatfields community. Do we have a specific timeline or schedule as to when the measurements will be taken? Please see the e-mails below for additional information. Thanks!

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8504 Autumn Harvest  
Ellicott City, MD 21043  
410-461-7883

Copy to: Jeff Bowers (Wheatfield association president)

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**From:** JIM HADE  
**To:** Eileen Straughan  
**Date:** 02/17/2004 3:07:02 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Wheatfields Community

Eileen:

As we mentioned to you last week we have a new assignment for you to take noise readings in the Wheatfields community adjacent to MD 100.

I spoke with Karen Arnold of the Office Planning and Preliminary Engineering, Environmental, to secure concurrence to use BCS2000-06C with URS.

Please send a proposal through URS. Please also coordinate the new task number with Karen Arnold (410-545-8510).

Thank you for your assistance!  
Jim

James Hade, RLA  
Team Leader for Noise Abatement  
Ph 410-545-8599  
Fx 410-209-5003

>>> "Eileen Straughan" <EStraughan@sesenviron.com> 02/13/2004 4:28:52 PM >>>  
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Eileen K. Straughan, President  
Straughan Environmental Services, Inc.  
9135 Guilford Road Suite 100  
Columbia, Maryland 21046

Phone 301-362-9200 extension 120  
Fax 301-362-9245

**CC:** Alan Straus: URS; KAREN ARNOLD; KEN POLCAK; Ray Moravec

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| DAY PHONE                                                                                                                                                          |                | HOME PHONE           |                    | E-Mail address                                           |                | COMMUNITY HDR Dbase Link            |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                    |                | 410-461-7883         |                    |                                                          |                | Wheatfields                         |  |
| Logical Project Limit                                                                                                                                              |                | ROADWAY: MD 100      |                    | BarrierNam                                               |                |                                     |  |
| NB MD 100 south of Long Gate Parkway                                                                                                                               |                |                      |                    |                                                          |                |                                     |  |
| RESPONSE:                                                                                                                                                          |                |                      |                    | INQUIRY:                                                 |                | 2nd Contact                         |  |
| SHA to take highway noise measurements - late Spring/early summer 2004                                                                                             |                |                      |                    | wants noise study                                        |                |                                     |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                    |                |                      |                    | Last Conta                                               | Researcher     | Primary SHA Contact                 |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                    |                |                      |                    | 02/18/2004                                               |                | Nicole                              |  |
| FILE LOCATION:                                                                                                                                                     |                | OTHER:               |                    | Current commitm                                          |                | Construction Projects               |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                    |                |                      |                    | to take noise measurements late-Spring/early-Summer 2004 |                |                                     |  |
| Do we owe a letter?                                                                                                                                                |                | Letter Commit due da |                    | 02/27/2004                                               |                |                                     |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                |                | Letter signed dat    |                    | Reason Letter is Lat                                     |                | n/a                                 |  |
| LAST action                                                                                                                                                        |                |                      |                    |                                                          |                |                                     |  |
| Mr. Stangle e-mailed Mr. Merdon to request a noise study for Wheatfields; Mr. Merdon e-mailed Mr. Pedersen who contacted CBA; per CBA, noise study to be performed |                |                      |                    |                                                          |                |                                     |  |
| Comments: This field can not be sorted or searched.                                                                                                                |                |                      |                    |                                                          |                |                                     |  |
| OPPE or Hwy. rep.current type 1                                                                                                                                    |                |                      |                    |                                                          |                |                                     |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                    |                |                      |                    |                                                          |                |                                     |  |
| All Elected Officials: 02-2004 EO's Dist. 9A Sen. Robert H. Kittleman; Dels. Gail H. Bates; Warren E. Miller; HO GncI Christopher Merdon                           |                |                      |                    |                                                          |                |                                     |  |
| Comment Journal, and letter hyperlinks \\shadgn\vol1\user\oed\Noise\Dbase\Customer_notes\                                                                          |                |                      |                    |                                                          |                |                                     |  |
| Consultant Fir 1-888-375-1975 outside MD                                                                                                                           |                |                      |                    |                                                          |                |                                     |  |

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**Account Identifier:** District - 02 Account Number - 310309

**Owner Information**

**Owner Name:** STANGLE BERNARD J  
 STANGLE DOLORES A  
**Use:** RESIDENTIAL  
**Principal Residence:** YES  
**Mailing Address:** 8504 AUTUMN HARVEST  
 ELLICOTT CITY MD 21043-6543  
**Deed Reference:** 1) / 1756/ 455  
 2)

(410) 461-7883 em.?

**Location & Structure Information**

**Premises Address** 8504 W AUTUMN HARVEST  
 ELLICOTT CITY 21043  
**Zoning** RSC  
**Legal Description** LOT 103 .138 A  
 8504 AUTUMN HARVEST  
 LONG GATE S 1 AR 3

| Map | Grid | Parcel | Sub District | Subdivision | Section | Block | Lot | Group | Plat No:  | 6964 |
|-----|------|--------|--------------|-------------|---------|-------|-----|-------|-----------|------|
| 30  | 6    | 404    |              |             |         |       | 103 | 82    | Plat Ref: |      |

**Special Tax Areas** Town  
 Ad Valorem Tax Class A/V, METRO FIRE TAX

| Primary Structure Built | Enclosed Area | Property Land Area | County Use |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------|
| 1987                    | 2,108 SF      | 6,011.00 SF        |            |

| Stories | Basement | Type          | Exterior |
|---------|----------|---------------|----------|
| 2       | YES      | STANDARD UNIT | FRAME    |

**Value Information**

|                    | Base Value | Phase-in Assessments |            |            |
|--------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|------------|
|                    |            | Value As Of          | As Of      | As Of      |
|                    |            | 01/01/2003           | 07/01/2003 | 07/01/2004 |
| Land:              | 66,010     | 131,010              |            |            |
| Improvements:      | 122,730    | 146,300              |            |            |
| Total:             | 188,740    | 277,310              | 218,263    | 247,786    |
| Preferential Land: | 0          | 0                    | 0          | 0          |

**Transfer Information**

|                                                |                           |                         |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Seller:</b> RYLAND GROUP INC THE            | <b>Date:</b> 12/04/1987   | <b>Price:</b> \$160,550 |
| <b>Type:</b> IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH              | <b>Deed1:</b> / 1756/ 455 | <b>Deed2:</b>           |
| <b>Seller:</b> SECURTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION | <b>Date:</b> 09/29/1987   | <b>Price:</b> \$235,000 |
| <b>Type:</b> NOT ARMS-LENGTH                   | <b>Deed1:</b> / 1730/ 117 | <b>Deed2:</b>           |
| <b>Seller:</b>                                 | <b>Date:</b>              | <b>Price:</b>           |
| <b>Type:</b>                                   | <b>Deed1:</b>             | <b>Deed2:</b>           |

**Exemption Information**

| Partial Exempt Assessments | Class | 07/01/2003 | 07/01/2004 |
|----------------------------|-------|------------|------------|
| County                     | 000   | 0          | 0          |
| State                      | 000   | 0          | 0          |
| Municipal                  | 000   | 0          | 0          |

**Tax Exempt:** NO  
**Exempt Class:**

**Special Tax Recapture:**

GO'S DIST. 9A Sen. Robert H. Kittelman

\* NONE \*

Debs. Gail H. Bates

GO'S Christoph

Warren E. Miller

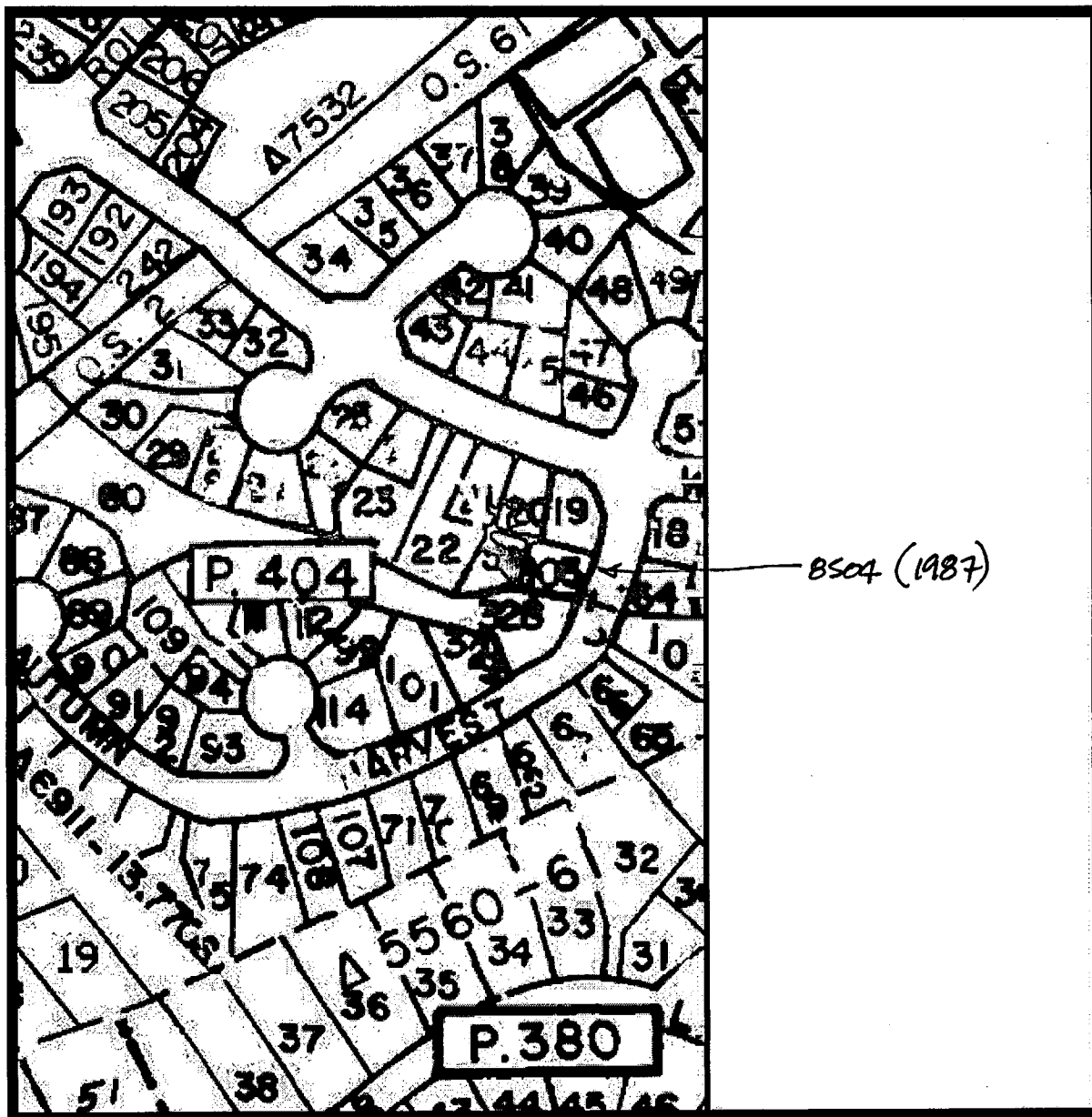
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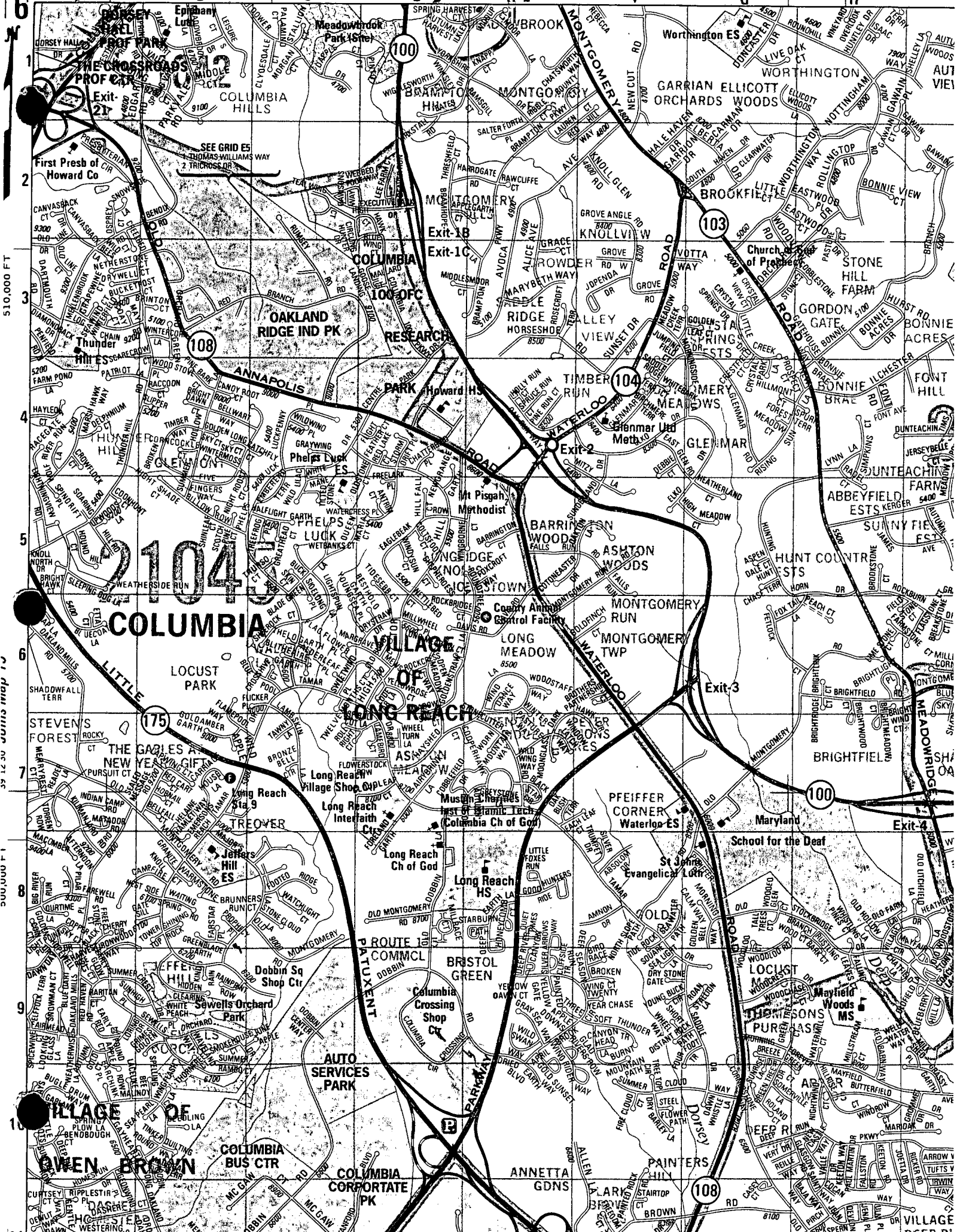
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| <u>WHEATFIELD HOMEOW</u> | 02 310325 | SE AUTUMN HARVEST        | N       | 30  | 404    |
| <u>GONZALES JOSE</u>     | 02 309378 | 8501 E AUTUMN HARVE 87   | H       | 30  | 404    |
| <u>STANGLE BERNARD J</u> | 02 310309 | 8504 W AUTUMN HARVE (87) | H       | 30  | 404    |
| <u>ROBERTS JOHN</u>      | 02 309874 | 8505 E AUTUMN HARVE 87   | H       | 30  | 404    |
| <u>LAMB IAIN R</u>       | 02 309882 | 8515 SE AUTUMN HARV 87   | H       | 30  | 404    |
| <u>PARK YONG M</u>       | 02 309890 | 8519 SE AUTUMN HARV 88   | H       | 30  | 404    |
| <u>ASBELL JOSEPH E</u>   | 02 309904 | 8523 SE AUTUMN HARV 88   | H       | 30  | 404    |
| <u>SNELLER MICHAEL R</u> | 02 309912 | 8527 SE AUTUMN HARV 87   | H       | 30  | 404    |
| <u>RHUDE DAVID L</u>     | 02 309920 | 8531 SE AUTUMN HARV 87   | H       | 30  | 404    |
| <u>PHILLIPS L SCOTT</u>  | 02 310295 | 8534 NW AUTUMN HARV 92   | H       | 30  | 404    |
| <u>DAVILA ALBERT D</u>   | 02 309939 | 8535 SE AUTUMN HARV 87   | H       | 30  | 404    |
| <u>MORRISON REGINALD</u> | 02 310287 | 8538 E AUTUMN HARVE 88   | H       | 30  | 404    |
| <u>KALINOCK MICHAEL</u>  | 02 309947 | 8539 SE AUTUMN HARV 88   | H       | 30  | 404    |
| <u>HOGAN DAVID A</u>     | 02 309955 | 8543 SE AUTUMN HARV 88   | H       | 30  | 404    |
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| <u>TAYLOR EARL G</u>     | 02 309971 | 8551 SE AUTUMN HARV 87   | H       | 30  | 404    |
| <u>MICK ALAN A</u>       | 02 310171 | 8554 NE AUTUMN HARV 88   | H       | 30  | 404    |
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| <u>MCCAMMON ROGER C</u>  | 02 310015 | 8563 S AUTUMN HARVE 87   | H       | 30  | 404    |
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| <u>LOCKE THOMAS C</u>    | 02 310058 | 8575 SW AUTUMN HARV 87   | H       | 30  | 404    |
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| <u>DOUGLAS ROBERT L</u>  | 02 310104 | 8582 W AUTUMN HARVE 88   | H       | 30  | 404    |

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| <u>MOOMAW MICHAEL J</u> | 02 310074 | 8583 SW AUTUMN HARV 87 | H | 30 | 404 |
| <u>LEE KI YOUNG</u>     | 02 310082 | 8587 W AUTUMN HARVE 87 | H | 30 | 404 |
| <u>DIZON PAUL V</u>     | 02 310090 | 8591 W AUTUMN HARVE 87 | H | 30 | 404 |

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor  
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Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary  
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

November 30, 2004

The Honorable Stephen G. Samuel Moxley  
Baltimore County Council  
Room 205  
400 Washington Avenue  
Towson MD 21204-4606

Dear Councilman Moxley:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Catonsville Heights community regarding the sound barrier proposed for the outer loop of I-695 from Ingleside Avenue to south of Frederick Road in Baltimore County. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2004, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Catonsville Library, 1100 Frederick Road in Catonsville. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

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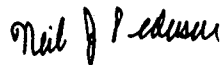
My telephone number/toll-free number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770  
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Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Nicole Ross, of SHA's Office of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at [nross@sha.state.md.us](mailto:nross@sha.state.md.us). She will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA  
Ms. Nicole Ross, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA  
Mr. David J. Malkowski, District Engineer, SHA

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bcc: Ms. Karen Arnold, Environmental Analyst, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, SHA  
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Mr. Joseph Kresslein, Assistant Division Chief, Project Planning, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, SHA  
Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA  
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA  
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Manager, SHA  
Ms. Frances Ward, Community Liaison, SHA

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Maryland Department of Transportation

December 21, 2004

Mr. Ollie Mumpower  
Director, Engineering Services  
City of Gaithersburg  
800 Rabbitt Road  
Gaithersburg MD 20878-1600

Dear Mr. Mumpower:

This letter is a follow-up to your recent telephone conversation with Ms. Nicole Ross, of our staff, regarding the noise study for the Rosemont community, adjacent to eastbound I-370 between the I-270/I-370 interchange and the I-370/South Frederick Avenue interchange in Montgomery County. I appreciate the opportunity to provide the following update information.

The noise study of the Rosemont community is still on-going. We anticipate being able to provide results by the end of January 2005, weather permitting (no precipitation, no snow on the ground, wind less than 10 miles per hour, etc.).

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we have been conducting this study. Thank you also for your interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Ross at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at [nross@sha.state.md.us](mailto:nross@sha.state.md.us). She will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams  
Director  
Office of Environmental Design

cc: The Honorable Phil Andrews, Member, Montgomery County Council  
The Honorable Kumar P. Barve, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable Jennie M. Forehand, Member, Senate of Maryland  
The Honorable Michael R. Gordon, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
Ms. Nicole Ross, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration  
The Honorable Luis R.S. Simmons, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

My telephone number/toll-free number is 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962  
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bcc: James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration  
Mr. Kenneth D. Polcak, Environmental Analyst, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway  
Administration  
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway  
Administration

**Serial #:** None

**OED Serial#:** None

**Noise Customer #:** 2665 (Mr. Philip J. Lanciano)

**Responding to letter dated:** Follow-up 12-01-04 telephone conversation between Mr.  
Mumpower and Ms. Nicole Ross regarding the status of the Type II noise study of the Rosemont  
community; Mr. Mumpower also requested a copy of the study when its is completed

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From: NICOLE ROSS  
To: JIM HADE; KEN POLCAK  
Date: 12/01/2004 2:20:16 PM  
Subject: Noise Study

Jim/Ken,

I just received a call from Mr. Ali Mumpower from the City of Gaithersburg. He wanted to know if a noise study/analysis was done for the Rosemont community (along I-370, west of MD 355) in Montgomery County. If so, he would like to have a copy of that study. Are either of you familiar with this area?

Phone: 301-258-6370

INTERIM - Study still on g - Anticipate  
results by end-Jan 2005, depending on  
weather.

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**From:** NICOLE ROSS  
**To:** TED SEVERE  
**Date:** 12/16/2004 12:34:09 PM  
**Subject:** FYI...Corrected address for Mr. Ollie Mumpower

Ted,

Mr. Mumpower left a voice message for me this morning. Please send his letter of response to the following address:

Mr. Ollie Mumpower  
Director, Engineering Services  
City of Gaithersburg  
800 Rabbitt Road  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878 -1600

e-mail: [omumpower@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:omumpower@gaithersburgmd.gov)  
301-258-6370 (work)  
301-258-6379 (fax)

Thanks!

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., *Governor*  
Michael S. Steele, *Lt. Governor*

Robert L. Flanagan, *Secretary*  
Neil J. Pedersen, *Administrator*

Maryland Department of Transportation

February 12, 2004

Ms. Marsha McLaughlin  
Director, Howard County  
Office of Planning and Zoning  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City MD 21043-4392

Dear Ms. ~~McLaughlin~~: *Marsha*

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Allview Estates community regarding the sound barrier project along northbound US 29 between Seneca Drive and the ramp to eastbound Broken Land Parkway. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2004, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Banneker Room, located on the first floor of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sound barrier for the community and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least 75 percent of the impacted property owners that would benefit from the barrier. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to those impacted homeowners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of 66 decibels or greater. The purpose of the vote will be to obtain agreement on the construction of sound barriers in order that we may continue to proceed with the design of the barriers.

Property owners who are unable to attend this meeting will receive a summary of the meeting and copies of all materials distributed at the meeting approximately seven to ten days following the meeting. Voting cards will also be included for impacted property owners who are unable to attend the meeting.

Ms. Marsha McLaughlin  
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Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

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County Council  
Mr. Douglas H. Simmons, Deputy Administrator for Planning and Engineering, SHA  
Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, MDOT  
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA  
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Liaison, SHA

**Serial #:** None

**OED Serial#:** None

**Noise Customer #:** 1994, 2468, 2515, 2525

**Responding to letter dated:** Invitation to elected and HO Co officials for the Allview Estates community in HO Co to attend the SHA-hosted community informational meeting on 03-18-2004 in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City; meeting to run from 7 to 9 pm with displays available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

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Maryland Department of Transportation

November 30, 2004

The Honorable Shirley Nathan-Pulliam  
Maryland House of Delegates  
Suite 103  
4200 Edmondson Avenue  
Baltimore MD 21229-1600

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Maryland Department of Transportation

April 21, 2004

The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass  
Maryland House of Delegates  
209 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate ~~Pendergrass~~ *Shane*:

This letter is a follow-up to your recent e-mail message to Mr. Charles Adams, the State Highway Administration's (SHA) Director of Environmental Design. You had written on behalf of your constituent, Mr. George R. Owens, of the Guilford Downs community along northbound US 29 between MD 175 and Diamondback Drive. Mr. Owens wished to know the status of the sound barrier project for his community, and I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with this update.

As a result of the current economic situation throughout Maryland, Howard County has indicated that it will not be able to fund its portion of this sound barrier project in its FY 2005 budget. The overall project also includes sound barriers for Atholton Manor (southbound US 29 from Broken Land Parkway to Seneca Drive) and Allview Estates (northbound US 29 from Seneca Drive to MD 175). The SHA will establish a construction schedule after Howard County is able to approve funding for the overall project. Mr. Ronald Lepson, Chief of Howard County's Bureau of Engineering in the Department of Public Works, has indicated to us that, if you or the citizens of the Guilford Downs community have questions or concerns regarding Howard County's funding for this project, he would be happy to assist them. Mr. Lepson can be contacted by mail in care of the Bureau of Engineering, Howard County Department of Public Works, 9250 Bendix Road, Columbia, Maryland 21045-1800. His telephone number is 410-313-2414 and his e-mail address is [rllepson@co.ho.md.us](mailto:rllepson@co.ho.md.us).

Howard County is also requesting that SHA consider completing the widening of northbound US 29, between the Middle Patuxent River and MD 175, with three continuous through-lanes. As more information is developed regarding noise evaluations for this action, we will be pleased to keep you informed.

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Thank you for your e-mail on behalf of Mr. Owens and your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640, 1-800-446-5962, or [cadams@sha.state.md.us](mailto:cadams@sha.state.md.us). He will also be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA  
Mr. Ronald Lepson, Chief, Bureau of Engineering, Howard County Department of  
Public Works  
Mr. George R. Owens



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Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Liaison, SHA  
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**Serial #:** None

**OED Serial#:** None

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**Responding to letter dated:** Follow-up to 04-08-2004 e-mail message from Del. Pendergrass to Mr. Charles Adams requesting that SHA look into Mr. Owens request for the status of the sound barrier project for the Guilford Downs community and report that information to both Mr. Owens and herself

**NOTE:** A status letter for each of the three communities (Allview Estates, Atholton Manor and Guilford Downs) is concurrently being prepared and sent out by the Noise Abatement Team to all of the property owners in the three communities who received invitations to their respective community meetings in 2003 and 2004; the information in that status letter is the same information being given to Del. Pendergrass

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**From:** NICOLE ROSS  
**To:** CHARLES ADAMS; JIM HADE  
**Date:** 04/09/2004 9:42:45 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: RE: Guilford Downs Noise Abatement Wall

Charlie,

Gary informed me that the County has *not* agreed to include the "Atholton Manor, Guilford Downs and Allview Estates" sound barrier project in their FY05 budget. Since I've been getting many calls from several residents in these communities, including Mr. Owens, could we send all of the impacted/benefitted residents a follow-up letter that reflects the latest update on this project?

There's a similar situation with the "Powder Mill Estates, Knollwood and Hollywood Extension" sound barrier project. The community is quite upset about not receiving a sound barrier this year. Only those residents who have contacted us via phone know about the construction delay. The President of the Powder Mill Homeowners Association would like to know why the community has not been informed of the delay.

>>> CHARLES ADAMS 04/09/2004 7:58:50 AM >>>  
Please prepare a response to Delegate Pendergrass

>>> "Delegate Shane Pendergrass" <[Shane\\_Pendergrass@house.state.md.us](mailto:Shane_Pendergrass@house.state.md.us)> 04/08/2004 2:39:42 PM  
>>>  
Dear Mr. Adams,

I am forwarding this e-mail to you from Mr. George Owens.

I would appreciate your checking into the matter and providing any assistance that you can give to Mr. Owens. Please keep us informed of any progress in this matter. Thank you.

Shane

-----Original Message-----

From: George R Owens PE CEM - EESI [<mailto:view2005@ix.netcom.com>]  
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2004 1:33 PM  
To: [Shane\\_Pendergrass@house.state.md.us](mailto:Shane_Pendergrass@house.state.md.us)  
Subject: Guilford Downs Noise Abatement Wall

We and several other families live in Guilford Downs which abuts Route 29 just north of 175 on the east side of 29. We have been working with the state for many years to get a sound abatement wall. We were excited last year when the state surveyed our property and the extremely disappointed that Howard Co. did not contribute their share of the funds which stopped the project. In today's Baltimore Sun, I see the article that you are considering widening 108. This will just increase the traffic on Route 29 as more people will use 29 to get to the widened 108.

The noise level at our house is above standards, has increased every year due to increasing traffic on 29 and impairs the use of our house and property. You cannot carry on a conversation in our backyard.

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I would like to invite you to visit our backyard so you can see for yourself the situation.

I would like to know the status of the Guilford Downs noise abatement wall and if it is not being started this year, I would like to know why.

Thank you

George Owens

9449 Penfield Ct

Columbia, MD 21045

CC: ALLEN JACOBS; GARY WANTZ

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**Account Identifier:** District - 06 Account Number - 393470

**Owner Information**

**Owner Name:** OWENS GEORGE R JR  
OWENS MARGUERITE J  
**Use:** RESIDENTIAL  
**Principal Residence:** YES  
**Mailing Address:** 9449 PENFIELD CT  
COLUMBIA MD 21045-2215  
**Deed Reference:** 1) / 1089/ 405  
2)

**Location & Structure Information**

**Premises Address**  
9449 PENFIELD CT  
COLUMBIA 21045

**Legal Description**  
LOT 10 BL A S 2  
9449 PENFIELD CT  
GUILFORD DOWNS

| Map | Grid | Parcel | Sub District | Subdivision | Section | Block | Lot | Group | Plat No:<br>Plat Ref: |
|-----|------|--------|--------------|-------------|---------|-------|-----|-------|-----------------------|
| 30  | 15   | 157    |              |             |         |       | 10  | 81    |                       |

**Special Tax Areas** Town Ad Valorem Tax Class A/V, METRO FIRE TAX

| Primary Structure Built | Enclosed Area | Property Land Area | County Use |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------|
| 1960                    | 1,434 SF      | 25,439.00 SF       |            |

| Stories | Basement | Type          | Exterior |
|---------|----------|---------------|----------|
| 1       | YES      | STANDARD UNIT | FRAME    |

**Value Information**

|                    | Base Value | Value As Of 01/01/2002 | Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2003 | As Of 07/01/2004 |
|--------------------|------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Land:              | 74,280     | 92,280                 |                                       |                  |
| Improvements:      | 93,370     | 95,870                 |                                       |                  |
| Total:             | 167,650    | 188,150                | 181,316                               | 188,150          |
| Preferential Land: | 0          | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                |

**Transfer Information**

|                                            |                           |                        |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Seller:</b> SHEETS JAMES H TRUSTEE ETAL | <b>Date:</b> 02/08/1982   | <b>Price:</b> \$86,000 |
| <b>Type:</b> IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH          | <b>Deed1:</b> / 1089/ 405 | <b>Deed2:</b>          |
| <b>Seller:</b> PODOLNY DENNIS & WF         | <b>Date:</b> 02/25/1981   | <b>Price:</b> \$84,650 |
| <b>Type:</b> IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH          | <b>Deed1:</b> / 1043/ 263 | <b>Deed2:</b>          |
| <b>Seller:</b>                             | <b>Date:</b>              | <b>Price:</b>          |
| <b>Type:</b>                               | <b>Deed1:</b>             | <b>Deed2:</b>          |

**Exemption Information**

| Partial Exempt Assessments | Class | 07/01/2003 | 07/01/2004 |
|----------------------------|-------|------------|------------|
| County                     | 000   | 0          | 0          |
| State                      | 000   | 0          | 0          |
| Municipal                  | 000   | 0          | 0          |

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**Exempt Class:**

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## At a Glance

04/08/04

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A five-year transportation plan working its way through Congress includes funding for revitalizing Route 1 in Howard County and for widening a portion of Route 29.

The Transportation Equity Act, a blueprint for surface transportation projects for the next five years, has been approved by both the Senate and the House.

Differences between the two bills remain to be worked out, but both versions include projects prized by Howard County transportation planners, including:

\* \$11 million to widen a two-mile stretch of Route 29 beginning at Route 32 and extending south;

\* \$1 million for safety, pedestrian-access and other minor improvements to Route 1 in Howard County, part of the county's long-running effort to revitalize that road;

\* \$2 million for improvements to Route 32 between Route 108 and Interstate 70.

"Certainly all of these are priorities to us," said Carl Balsar, chief of transportation planning for Howard County. Federal funding for the projects, he said, "is a reflection of the priority of these projects."

Victoria Goodman, spokeswoman for County Executive Jim Robey, said the \$1 million for Route 1 was "more than we were expecting. We're very pleased."

A spokeswoman for U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings, the Democrat whose district includes most of Howard County, said a conference committee will be appointed soon to work out the differences between the Senate bill, which includes \$318 billion in projects, and the House bill, which includes \$275 billion in projects.

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President George W. Bush has threatened to veto the bill if it is over \$265 billion.

Cummings' aide Devika Koppikar said the final version of the bill should be approved by the summer.

— *Pete Pichaske*

## State legislators defer passage of marrow bill

A bill to lower the age at which Marylanders can donate bone marrow, championed by four Oakland Mills High School juniors, has died for the year.

Following a hearing before the Maryland General Assembly's House Health and Government Operations Committee last month, at which the four girls testified, panel members decided the bill needed more work and referred it to summer study.

That means the issue will be studied by lawmakers over the summer and, perhaps, brought back for reconsideration next year.

Del. Liz Bobo, the Columbia Democrat who sponsored the bill after being approached by the Oakland Mills students, said she was disappointed but not surprised by the bill's fate.

"I would much prefer it had passed on the first time," she said.

Bobo said she planned to meet with the students within the next few months to talk about the issue and reintroduce a version of the bill next year.

She also said she had talked to Del. John Hurson of Montgomery County, chairman of the operations committee, who agreed to consult with the girls while studying the bill.

The bill would have lowered from 18 to 16 the age at which Maryland residents can donate bone marrow.

Bone marrow transplants are used to treat victims of leukemia and other blood disorders, and a shortage of donors — especially among minorities — has made it hard for many potential recipients to get transplants.

Oakland Mills students Charisse Carpenter, Monica Holloway, Kimberly Sealey and Jade Vaughn adopted lowering the state age as a pet project after reading a magazine article on the subject in school.

After the four testified at the committee hearing March 10, lawmakers praised their dedication to such a serious cause.

However, the bill was opposed by the Minnesota-based National Marrow Donor Program, which considers 18 years the "appropriate standard" for most medical treatments and research programs. Lowering the age would put minors at risk and raise liability issues, according to a report prepared for the marrow donor program.

Oakland Mills teacher Joslyn Wolfe, who brought the issue to the girls'

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attention, said the four were not discouraged by the bill's failure.

"They were realistic about the whole process," said Wolfe. "They kept in mind that it may not pass this year."

She said the girls were pleased that the issue is now on the state's agenda.

"They feel a sense of accomplishment about that," said Wolfe. "They know now how to effect change."

She said the four girls have been invited to a U.S. Senate hearing on a bill directing the government to cover bone marrow donors' expenses.

*\_ Pete Pichaske*

### **County opens arboretum in Elkridge park**

A new tree arboretum \_ which displays 13 different species of trees \_ opened this week at the Harwood Park in Elkridge.

The Harwood Park Neighborhood Improvement Association worked in conjunction with Howard County's Department of Recreation and Parks, Howard County Forest Conservancy District Board, and local police to renovate the park and add the arboretum.

The association planted a new willow tree there and the forest board and the Department of Recreation and Parks donated 20 plaques, which were placed near the willow and the 12 other species of trees at the park.

Harwood Neighborhood Park is located off Woodburn Avenue.

*\_ Luke Broadwater*

### **Statistics show increase in violent crimes in 2003**

Howard County police released crime statistics this week that showed crime dropped about 3 percent in the county during 2003 compared to 2002.

While crime was down overall, some types tracked in the report \_ particularly violent crime \_ saw an increase.

According to the report, the number of violent crimes rose from 458 in 2002 to 541 in 2003. Police define violent crimes as homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault.

The report also showed an increase in rapes, from 37 in 2002 to 44 in 2003. Robberies also rose, from 212 in 2002 to 222 in 2003. The number of homicides remained the same at seven.

Aggravated assaults in the county showed the most significant increase, from 202 in 2002 to 268 in 2003. Police define an aggravated assault as an attack that is intended to inflict injury.

Howard County Police Department spokeswoman Sherry Llewellyn said

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that the 2003 figures were consistent with crime statistics between 1999 and 2001. In 2002, the county experienced an unexplained and dramatic drop, according to Llewellyn.

"We think these factors give the impression that there was a dramatic increase," she said.

Llewellyn said officials saw fewer aggravated assaults involving guns and more committed with knives and other types of dangerous weapons.

Assaults against police officers rose 12 percent in 2003 to 124 incidents.

According to the report, property crimes in 2003 dropped to 6,959 crimes, from 7,326 in 2002.

It was the first time in five years that property crimes dropped below 7,000, Llewellyn said.

Burglaries dropped from 1,293 in 2002 to 1,157 in 2003 and thefts dipped from 5,422 in 2002 to 5,122 in 2003, the report showed.

Among property crimes, only vehicle thefts rose in 2003. They were up from 611 in 2002 to 680.

— Penny Colston

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Maryland Department of Transportation

February 12, 2004

The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass  
Maryland House of Delegates  
209 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Pendergrass:

Shane

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Allview Estates community regarding the sound barrier project along northbound US 29 between Seneca Drive and the ramp to eastbound Broken Land Parkway. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2004, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Banneker Room, located on the first floor of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sound barrier for the community and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least 75 percent of the impacted property owners that would benefit from the barrier. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to those impacted homeowners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of 66 decibels or greater. The purpose of the vote will be to obtain agreement on the construction of sound barriers in order that we may continue to proceed with the design of the barriers.

Property owners who are unable to attend this meeting will receive a summary of the meeting and copies of all materials distributed at the meeting approximately seven to ten days following the meeting. Voting cards will also be included for impacted property owners who are unable to attend the meeting.

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Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Nicole Ross, our Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962, or [nross@sha.state.md.us](mailto:nross@sha.state.md.us). She will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA  
Mr. Robert L. Fisher, District Engineer, SHA  
James D. Hade, RLA, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA  
Ms. Nicole Ross, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA

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Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA  
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Liaison, SHA

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**Responding to letter dated:** Invitation to elected and HO Co officials for the Allview Estates community in HO Co to attend the SHA-hosted community informational meeting on 03-18-2004 in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City; meeting to run from 7 to 9 pm with displays available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

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January 12, 2004

The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass  
Maryland House of Delegates  
209 Lowe House Office Building  
84 College Avenue  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Pendergrass:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Charles B. Hands, regarding a sound barrier for the Dalton community along northbound US 29 from Diamondback Drive to the US 29/ MD 108 interchange, in Howard County. The Department appreciates the opportunity to respond to Mr. Hands' concerns.

You may already have received a copy of State Highway Administrator Neil J. Pedersen's letter to Mr. Hands, dated January 5. In the event that you have not, I enclose another copy. As Mr. Pedersen notes, the State Highway Administration (SHA) is finalizing an analysis to determine whether an effective sound barrier can be built for the Dalton community, given that the 100-year floodplain crosses US 29 at this location. Mr. Pedersen will advise you of the results of this analysis, which should be available by the end of January.

Thank you again for your letter. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640, 1-800-446-5962, or [cadams@sha.state.md.us](mailto:cadams@sha.state.md.us). He will be happy to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Flanagan  
Secretary

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Neil F. Quinter, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable David A. Rakes, Member, Howard County Council  
The Honorable Sandra B. Schrader, Member, Senate of Maryland  
The Honorable Frank S. Turner, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA  
Mr. Robert L. Fisher, District Engineer, SHA  
Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator, SHA  
Mr. Charles B. Hands

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7201 Corporate Center Drive, Hanover, Maryland 21076

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**Noise Customer #:** 1060 (Mr. Charles B. Hands)

**Responding to letter dated:** Follow-up to 11-20-2003 letter to Sec. Flanagan from Del. Pendergrass: "Mr. Hands makes some good points in his letter which is attached. Do you think you can make it happen?"; the attached 11-13-2003 letter from Mr. Hands to MDOT Sec. Flanagan; Mr. Hands thanked Sec. Flanagan for his 10-08-2003 letter; indicated a 10-30-2003 article in the Columbia Flier outlined future roadway projects in Howard County; Mr. Hands interpreted the article's description of the Atholton Manor/Allview Estates/Guilford Downs as having barriers beginning south of Broken Land Parkway to Diamondback Road; he feels that his community is being ignored with respect to having sound barriers to protect it from highway noise when it is only approx. 0.2 miles long; he cites that "Route 29, which backs on my house has been widened from two lanes to six lanes over the years, a new highway (Route 100) has been constructed, and two new clover leafs (one immediately to the north at Route 108 and one immediately to the south at Route 175) have been built - all of which has drastically increased traffic noise in my neighborhood. I believe that my neighborhood (all two-tenths of a mile of it) deserved the same protection as other neighborhoods in the area of high construction. I hope you will take these considerations in account in the study which your letter says is ongoing with respect to the Diamondback/108 sound barrier."

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Enclosure:

One copy of 01-05-2004 letter from SHA Administrator Pedersen to Mr. Charles B. Hands



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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor  
Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor

Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary  
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

January 5, 2004

Mr. Charles B. Hands  
4982 Dalton Drive  
Columbia MD 21045-1806

Dear Mr. Hands:

Thank you for your letter to Transportation Secretary Robert L. Flanagan regarding a sound barrier for the Dalton community along northbound US 29, from Diamondback Drive to the US 29/MD 108 interchange, in Howard County. Secretary Flanagan received your e-mail and asked me to respond to you on his behalf. I apologize for the delay in replying to you.

First, I would like to clarify the status of our sound barrier analysis for the Dalton community. The challenge presented by a sound barrier at this location is one of constructability. We are studying the area to see if an effective barrier can be built that does not infringe on the 100-year floodplain that crosses US 29 at this location. We expect to be able to share the results of our analysis with you by the end of this month.

In addition, some clarification is in order regarding the locations of other barriers described in the *Columbia Flier* article of October 30. In order to make the best use of limited funds, the State Highway Administration (SHA) may combine two or more smaller construction efforts, in separate locations, into one project. When we develop project descriptions, we typically specify "project limits" that encompass all of the proposed work. The *Flier* described several proposed sound barrier projects that will be constructed in Howard County. However, the description of the project, as along "Route 29 south of Broken Land Parkway to Diamondback Drive," led some readers to believe that sound barriers will be built continuously between these two roadways. Rather, the project will consist of three distinct barriers, for three communities in which homes predate the dualization of US 29: Atholton Manor, Allview Estates, and Guilford Downs. The barrier for Atholton Manor will run along southbound US 29, from the ramp from eastbound Broken Land Parkway to just south of Tanager Lane. The barrier for Allview Estates, along northbound US 29, will run from Seneca Drive to south of the ramp to eastbound Broken Land Parkway. The third barrier, for the Guilford Downs community, also along northbound US 29, will begin at the ramp from westbound MD 175 to northbound US 29 and end just short of Diamondback Drive. There will be no sound barriers on US 29 between Broken Land Parkway and MD 175. We regret any confusion that may have arisen about the locations at which barriers are planned.

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The description of the widening and resurfacing project along US 29, between MD 99 and MD 100, would also benefit from some clarification. The project limits are as described, with MD 99 as the northern limit and MD 100 as the southern limit. As part of this overall project, two sections of sound barrier will be built along southbound US 29. The first section will begin just south of Frederick Road and end along the ramp from southbound US 29 to St. John's Lane and Montgomery Road (MD 103). The second barrier, which will be built along southbound US 29, will begin just south of MD 103 and continue to south of Keenan Drive. These two barriers are the only ones being constructed along US 29 between MD 99 and MD 100. Again, we apologize for any confusion that may have resulted from the newspaper article.

Thank you again for your letter. The Secretary appreciates hearing from you and, on his behalf, I also thank you for your interest in this very important issue. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640, 1-800-446-5962, or [cadams@sha.state.md.us](mailto:cadams@sha.state.md.us). He will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

cc: The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
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The Honorable David A. Rakes, Member, Howard County Council  
The Honorable Sandra B. Schrader, Member, Senate of Maryland  
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**Serial #:** WCS 14060

**OED Serial#:** None

**Noise Customer #:** 1060

**Responding to letter dated:** Follow-up to 11-13-2003 letter from Mr. Hands to MDOT Sec. Flanagan; Mr. Hands thanked Sec. Flanagan for his 10-08-2003 letter; indicated a 10-30-2003 article in the Columbia Flier outlined future roadway projects in Howard County; Mr. Hands interpreted the article's description of the Atholton Manor/Allview Estates/Guilford Downs as having barriers beginning south of Broken Land Parkway to Diamondback Road; he feels that his community is being ignored with respect to having sound barriers to protect it from highway noise when it is only approx. 0.2 miles long; he cites that "Route 29, which backs on my house has been widened from two lanes to six lanes over the years, a new highway (Route 100) has been constructed, and two new clover leafs (one immediately to the north at Route 108 and one immediately to the south at Route 175) have been built - all of which has drastically increased traffic noise in my neighborhood. I believe that my neighborhood (all two-tenths of a mile of it) deserved the same protection as other neighborhoods in the area of high construction. I hope you will take these considerations in account in the study which your letter says is ongoing with respect to the Diamondback/108 sound barrier."

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November 20, 2003

**SECRETARY  
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Secretary Robert L. Flanagan

PO Box 548

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Hanover MD 21076

Hi Bob,

Mr. Hands makes some good points in his letter which is attached. Do you think you can make it happen?

Thanks.

As ever,

Shane



November 13, 2003

Mr. Robert L. Flanagan  
Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation  
7201 Corporate Center  
Hanover, MD 21076

Thank you for your letter of October 8 concerning the status of studies for the erection of a sound barrier on Route 29 from Diamondback Drive to the south entrance to Route 108 East.

An article in the Columbia Flier of October 30 outlining future road projects indicates that plans have already been approved to erect a sound barrier from south of Broken Land Parkway to Diamondback Drive. The distance between Diamondback Drive and 108 East is, according to my odometer, exactly two-tenths of a mile.

Inasmuch as sound barriers have already been erected from the north entrance to Route 108 East to the south entrance to Route 100, and inasmuch as the same Flier article indicates that sound barriers are to be erected from the north entrance to Route 100 to Route 99, this leaves my minuscule two-tenths of a mile as the only unprotected area from Broken Land to Route 99. Surely this is unfair and inappropriate. Route 29, which backs on my house has been widened from two lanes to six lanes over the years, a new highway (Route 100) has been constructed, and two new clover leafs (one immediately to the north at Route 108 and one immediately to the south at Route 175) have been built -- all of which has drastically increased traffic noise in my neighborhood. I believe that my neighborhood (all two-tenths of a mile of it) deserves the same protection as other neighborhoods in this area of high construction.

I hope you will take these considerations into account in the study which your letter says is ongoing with respect to the Diamondback/108 sound barrier. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Charles B. Hands  
4982 Dalton Drive  
Columbia, MD 21045  
(410)964-0385

cc: The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass, Member Maryland House of Delegates  
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February 12, 2004

The Honorable Neil F. Quinter  
Maryland House of Delegates  
206 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear ~~Delegate Quinter~~: Neil

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Allview Estates community regarding the sound barrier project along northbound US 29 between Seneca Drive and the ramp to eastbound Broken Land Parkway. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2004, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Banneker Room, located on the first floor of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

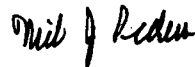
The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sound barrier for the community and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least 75 percent of the impacted property owners that would benefit from the barrier. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to those impacted homeowners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of 66 decibels or greater. The purpose of the vote will be to obtain agreement on the construction of sound barriers in order that we may continue to proceed with the design of the barriers.

Property owners who are unable to attend this meeting will receive a summary of the meeting and copies of all materials distributed at the meeting approximately seven to ten days following the meeting. Voting cards will also be included for impacted property owners who are unable to attend the meeting.

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Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Nicole Ross, our Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962, or [nross@sha.state.md.us](mailto:nross@sha.state.md.us). She will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

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**Serial #:** None

**OED Serial#:** None

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**Responding to letter dated:** Invitation to elected and HO Co officials for the Allview Estates  
community in HO Co to attend the SHA-hosted community informational meeting on 03-18-  
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July 28, 2004

The Honorable Victor R. Ramirez  
Maryland House of Delegates  
203 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Ramirez:

Thank you for your letter regarding improvements on MD 650 (New Hampshire Avenue) and MD 212 (Riggs Road). We appreciate the opportunity to assist with this matter.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) reduced the number of lanes on MD 500 (Queens Chapel Road) from three lanes to two lanes in each direction. This was possible as a result of the low Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) volume. Two lanes would be sufficient to accommodate these volumes, which is not possible with MD 650. Based on 2003 data, MD 650 west of US 29, the AADT is over twice the volume of MD 500. As you move closer to the beltway, traffic is three times the volume of MD 500. Any kind of lane reduction would result in major traffic congestion. There is simply too much traffic to reduce the number of lanes on MD 650. In fact, there is a project to add a lane along northbound MD 650 from Powder Mill Road to US 29 by Summer 2006. This is needed as a result of the expansion of the Federal Drug Administration in the White Oak area. Several bus stops will be relocated or abolished along this corridor. Between Chalmers Road and Lockwood Drive, all bus stops will be relocated to signalized intersections. A connection to the north toward Lockwood Drive from the firehouse will be via an 8 foot wide bike path. An on street bike lane along MD 650 is proposed between the right most travel lane and the curb as well.

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With regard to a request for traffic signals along MD 212 (Riggs Road), SHA follows the nationally accepted *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (MUTCD) as a guideline for when and where various traffic control devices should be installed. These guidelines are nationwide in scope and are promulgated by the Federal Highway Administration. The application of these guidelines is not without considerable and deliberate forethought with the primary reason being safety. As a highway operating agency, SHA assumes an obligation to follow these guidelines. As part of the signal warrant analysis, numerous factors such as traffic volumes, delay for vehicles exiting the side roads during peak hours, accident history, prevailing speeds, sight distances and pedestrian activity are evaluated. Signals to control speeding, as you suggested, would cause vehicles to stop unnecessarily and create additional delay, noise and pollution through this section of Riggs Road. We would suggest contacting the local police authorities for periodic selective speed enforcement of the 30 mph speed limit. Upon recent review of this section of Riggs Road, we observed that some speed limit signs were missing. We will make the necessary arrangements with our maintenance shop to place additional 30 mph speed limit signs along this section of Riggs Road.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers in two circumstances, designated "Type I" and "Type II." In "Type I" situations, barriers are considered when a new highway is being built or an existing highway is being expanded. While we have no plans to improve this portion of I-495 (the Capital Beltway) that would warrant a Type I sound barrier evaluation, SHA is considering various transportation capacity improvements for the entire I-495 corridor. As we come closer to narrowing the various proposals, we will also analyze the environmental impacts for each proposal, including highway traffic noise level impacts. Ms. Sue Rajan, of SHA's Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, may be able to offer you additional information on this subject. She may be reached at 410-545-8514 or, by email, at [srajan@sha.state.md.us](mailto:srajan@sha.state.md.us). She will be pleased to assist you.

When a highway already exists and is *not* being expanded—so that Type I criteria do not apply—a community that predates the original highway may be considered for our "Type II," or "retrofit," sound barrier program. The intent of the Type II program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analyses became a part of the highway development process. All of the following technical criteria must be met for a Type II barrier to be approved: the majority of impacted homes must predate the highway; existing noise levels must equal or exceed the 66-decibel impact threshold; and an effective barrier must be able to be built for \$50,000 or less per benefited home. If these criteria are met, the county in which the community is located must have an ordinance that addresses the impact of highway traffic noise on new residential development, and the county must agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost.

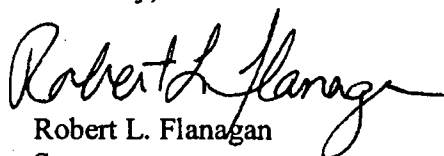
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A sound barrier already exists along eastbound I-495 beginning along the ramp from New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650) to eastbound I-495 and ends at the Riggs Road (MD 212) overpass. The community adjacent to I-495 just east of Riggs Road (MD 212) is White Oak Manor. SHA has evaluated the White Oak Manor community's eligibility for our Type II sound barrier program as outlined above. Our research determined that the portion of the White Oak Manor community from Riggs Road to just east of the cul-de-sac at the end of Lackawanna Street meets the technical criteria for a Type II sound barrier as outlined above. Prince George's County needs to agree to fund 20 percent of the estimated cost of the sound barrier before the State can identify funding for the design and construction of the barrier. Currently, all of the sound barrier funds in our capital program have been committed through 2009.

The State Highway Administration also evaluated the portion of the White Oak Manor community east of the Lackawanna Street cul-de-sac along the ramp to the Park and Ride facility. The majority of these homes were built in the mid-1990s after the 1964 opening of I-495 (Capital Beltway). Therefore, this portion of the White Oak Manor community can not be considered for a Type II sound barrier because it postdates I-495.

Thank you again for your letter. If you have additional questions or concerns regarding sound barriers or the State's Sound Barrier Program, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, SHA's Noise Abatement Team Leader at 410-545-8599, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at [jhade@sha.state.md.us](mailto:jhade@sha.state.md.us). He will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,

  
Robert L. Flanagan  
Secretary

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Drafted by Ray Mercado and Charles B. Adams, 301-513-7316 and 410-545-641, 06/28/04

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor  
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March 24, 2004

The Honorable Sandra B. Schrader  
Senate of Maryland  
322 James Senate Office Building  
110 College Avenue  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Schrader:

*Sandy*

Thank you for your letter to Mr. Charles Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, regarding the status of the sound barrier project for the Guilford Downs community along northbound US 29 from the US 29/MD 175 interchange to Diamondback Drive in Howard County. I appreciate the opportunity to bring you up to date.

Currently, we are waiting to hear from the Howard County Council if the County's portion of the construction cost for the sound barrier project for the Guilford Downs, Allview Estates, and Atholton Manor communities will be included in its FY 2005 budget. It is our understanding that the County Council will be finalizing its FY 2005 budget in May or June. Should the County's funding of this project be approved, we anticipate beginning construction in Fall 2004. We have achieved the required 75 percent concurrence from the residents of the Atholton Manor and Guilford Downs communities that they are in favor of the construction of the barriers for their respective communities. The State Highway Administration-hosted community informational meeting for the Allview Estates community was held last Thursday evening, March 18, in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building in Ellicott City, and we are in the process of receiving the ballots from the impacted property owners of that community. As more information is developed, we will be happy to provide it to you.

Thank you again for your letter. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640, 1-800-446-5962, or [cadams@sha.state.md.us](mailto:cadams@sha.state.md.us). He will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should not hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,

*Neil J. Pedersen*

Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

cc: The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
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The Honorable Frank S. Turner, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
~~Mr. Charles B. Adams~~; Director of Environmental Design, SHA

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**Serial #:** None

**OED Serial#:** None

**Noise Customer #:**

**Responding to letter dated:** Follow-up to 03-17-2004 letter from Sen. Schrader to Mr. Charles Adams and received at OED on 03-19-2004; Sen. Schrader wrote:

*"I am writing to request an update on the proposed sound barrier project for the neighborhood of Guilford Downs which abuts Route 29 just north of 175 in Howard County. It is my understanding that residents from this area have been working with the state for quite a long time to bring this plan to fruition, but that lack of funds from Howard County stopped the project.*

*"Please let me know if there are plans to go forward with this project this year and, if not, I would like to know what is required to have sound abatement begin.*

*"Thank you for your time and attention."*

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SANDRA B. SCHRADER  
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Quality of Care in Nursing Homes

Mr. Charles Adams -  
Director  
Office of Environmental Design  
State Highway Administration  
707 N. Calvert Street, Room C-303  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. Adams:

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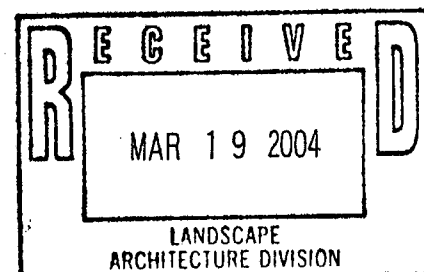
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Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

*Sandra B. Schrader*  
Sandra B. Schrader

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Maryland Department of Transportation

March 1, 2004

The Honorable Sandra B. Schrader  
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The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass  
Maryland House of Delegates  
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The Honorable Neil F. Quinter  
The Honorable Frank S. Turner  
Maryland House of Delegates  
206 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Schrader and Delegates Pendergrass, Quinter, and Turner:

This letter responds to correspondence we recently received from Senator Schrader and Delegate Pendergrass on behalf of Mr. Steven M. Anlage, of the Forest community, which is located in the southwest quadrant of the I-95/MD 216 interchange in Howard County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your constituent's concerns.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers in two circumstances, designated "Type I" and "Type II." In "Type I" situations, barriers are considered when a new highway is being built or an existing highway is being expanded. At this time, we have no plans to improve this portion of I-95 that would warrant a Type I sound barrier evaluation.

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The SHA has evaluated the communities along southbound I-95, south of MD 216 (the Forest, Cardinal Forest, and Dumhart Road communities) for a Type II sound barrier as outlined above. Based on our evaluation, we have determined that the homes in the Forest and Cardinal Forest communities include the homes adjacent to Doves Fly Way, Cardinal Forest Circle, Yellow Bird Court, Hummingbird Court, Cardinal Court, Herons Flight, Bluebird Trace, and a portion of Stansfield Road, and that these homes were constructed between 1980 and 1992. Because these homes were constructed after the 1971 opening of I-95 between I-695 and I-495, the Forest and Cardinal Forest communities cannot be considered for a Type II sound barrier. Were we to conduct a complete noise evaluation for the Forest and Cardinal Forest communities, we would raise expectations that could not be met.

During our research of the Forest and Cardinal Forest communities, we also determined that a number of the homes along Dumhart Road do meet the date criterion for our Type II sound barrier program. We are therefore willing to evaluate these homes to determine if all of the other eligibility criteria are met. Because of the time and cost involved in such an analysis, we will first determine whether there is sufficient community support to proceed. We do this by determining whether at least 75 percent of the pre-dating homeowners, who are most likely to be impacted by highway traffic noise, would like us to conduct this study. An introductory letter with a printed, postage-pre-paid ballot will be sent to the homeowners, on which they can vote “yes” or “no” for a study. These homeowners would then return their signed ballots to SHA. If we receive 75 percent concurrence from the pre-dating homeowners to move forward with a noise study of the Dumhart Road community, the analysis would be conducted in four parts. These are:

1. The noise study, during which noise measurements will be taken. We would anticipate being able to provide results of the noise study by the end of August 2004. If minimum noise criteria are met, we would progress to the next three stages, in order.
2. Computer noise modeling. During this stage, we would use the data from the noise study to “build” and calibrate a noise model.
3. Barrier modeling, in which we would perform analyses with the noise model to determine the most efficient and cost-effective barrier design.

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4. The construction estimate and feasibility analysis, in which we would investigate whether a barrier can be built for \$50,000 or less per benefited home, with environmental constraints and with minimal utility impacts. If it is determined that the Dumhart Road community is impacted by highway traffic noise levels of 66 decibels or higher, we would anticipate being able to provide the results of the feasibility study in Spring 2005.

With that said, we would also share that, given the current fiscal challenges facing the State, should the results of this barrier analysis indicate that an effective sound barrier could be built for a reasonable cost for the Dumhart Road community, we do not anticipate that any state funds would be available for any new Type II sound barriers through FY 2009. When funding for Type II sound barriers becomes available, Howard County would need to agree to fund 20 percent of the cost of a barrier for the Dumhart Road community, as indicated above, before the State could consider construction funds for such a barrier in its Consolidated Transportation Program.

Thank you again for your letter. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640, 1-800-446-5962, or [cadams@sha.state.md.us](mailto:cadams@sha.state.md.us). He will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

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Mr. Steven M. Anlage  
The Honorable Christopher Merdon, Member, Howard County Council

The Honorable Sandra B. Schrader  
The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass  
The Honorable Neil F. Quinter  
The Honorable Frank S. Turner  
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**Serial #:** None

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**Noise Customer #:** 2765 (Anlage)

**Responding to letter dated:** Follow-up to 02-11-2004 letter from Sen. Schrader to Mr. Charles Adams and 02-13-2004 e-mail from Del. Shane Pendergrass to Mr. Charles Adams. This letters and e-mail were in response to the original 02-10-2004 e-mail from Mr. Steven M. Anlage to Sen. Schrader (cc's to Dels. Pendergrass, Quinter and Turner): *"I am writing to request your help in RT. 95 sound abatement for my neighborhood. Since the Rt. 95 North/East sound abatement wall has been installed the sound from Rt. 95 has increased to a level that is much worse that it was before the construction began. I can now hear the road noise much more clearly, even in the basement of my house. We would like the State to do a noise survey of our neighborhood. I am sure that they will find noise levels above the minimum required to install further sound abatement measures.*

*"My neighborhood and adjacent developments all have the same concern the increased noise of Rt. 95 will lower home values, and reduce the quality of outdoor life for our neighborhood. I would like you help in getting the SHA to begin sound abatement studies as soon as possible."*

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SANDRA B. SCHRADER  
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ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1991

February 11, 2004

Mr. Charles B. Adams  
Director  
Office of Environmental Design  
State Highway Administration  
707 N. Calvert Street, Room C-406  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. Adams:

I have heard recently from residents who live in The Forest neighborhood in the Laurel area of Howard County. This is an established neighborhood that has experienced a decline in its quality of life because of the increased noise from I-95.

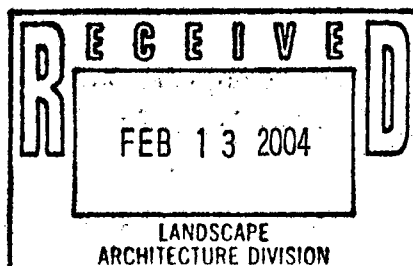
Sound barriers erected on the North side of I-95 deflect traffic noise back to the South side where there are no barriers. While the residents on the North side are enjoying the benefits of sound barriers, the residents on the South side are suffering from even more noise than before barrier construction began.

I am requesting that a noise abatement study be done in this neighborhood and that sound barrier construction be seriously considered.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

*Sandra B. Schrader*  
Sandra B. Schrader



TEAMWORK

Noise Team  
Please prepare  
a reply.

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**From:** CHARLES ADAMS  
**To:** Delegate Shane Pendergrass  
**Date:** 02/13/2004 8:29:47 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Sound Abatement I-95 South/West

Delegate Pendergrass:

I'll look into this and get back to you shortly, thanks for bringing this to our attention.

Charlie

>>> "Delegate Shane Pendergrass" <Shane\_Pendergrass@house.state.md.us> 02/13/2004 8:10:11 AM  
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Dear Mr. Adams,

On behalf of Delegates Pendergrass, Quinter, and Turner, I am forwarding this e-mail to you from Mr. Steven Anlage.

We would appreciate your checking into the matter and providing any assistance that you can give to Mr. Anlage. Please keep us informed of any progress in this matter. Thank you.

Shane

-----Original Message-----

From: Steven Anlage [<mailto:steveanlage@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2004 8:22 PM  
To: [sandra\\_schrader@senate.state.md.us](mailto:sandra_schrader@senate.state.md.us)  
Cc: [shane\\_pendergrass@house.state.md.us](mailto:shane_pendergrass@house.state.md.us); [neil\\_quinter@house.state.md.us](mailto:neil_quinter@house.state.md.us); [frank\\_turner@house.state.md.us](mailto:frank_turner@house.state.md.us); [steveanlage@yahoo.com](mailto:steveanlage@yahoo.com)  
Subject: Sound Abatement I-95 South/West

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Sincerely,

Steven Anlage

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8810 Herons Flight  
Laurel, MD 20723  
Phone: (301) 498-1107  
steveanlage@yahoo.com

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**From:** JIM HADE  
**To:** TSevere@sha.state.md.us,NRoss@sha.state.md.us  
**Date:** 02/13/2004 11:47:14 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: RE: Sound Abatement I-95 South/West

Ted:  
Please locate this individual's community and prepare a briefing of what we know for me.

I'll have my Cell phone on today and Monday.

Thanks  
Jim

James Hade, RLA  
Team Leader for Noise Abatement  
Ph 410-545-8599  
Fx 410-209-5003

**CC:** MMann@SHA.State.MD.US



## Customer Info. View for 2003

Monday, February 16, 2004 02:38 PM

Admin

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| ID #                                                                                                                                                                           | MAP                                                                                                                                                                   | DATE              | Letter or Phone on                                                                     | LAST NAME           | FIRST NAME            | Active?                             |
| 2765                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                       | 02/16/2004        | E-mail/Letter                                                                          | ANLAGE              | Mr. Steven M.         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| STREET#                                                                                                                                                                        | STREET NAME                                                                                                                                                           | COUNTY            | CITY (Post office)                                                                     | ZIP CODE            | Representative stat   |                                     |
| 8810                                                                                                                                                                           | Hérons Flight                                                                                                                                                         | HO                | Laurel                                                                                 | 20723-1296          | private               |                                     |
| Elected Official whom has communicated directly to us on this cu                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                       |                   |                                                                                        |                     |                       | Find Next                           |
| Sen. Sandra B. Schrader; Del. Shane Pendergra                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                       |                   |                                                                                        |                     |                       |                                     |
| DAY PHONE                                                                                                                                                                      | HOME PHONE                                                                                                                                                            | E-Mail address    | COMMUNITY                                                                              | HDR Dbase Link      |                       |                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                | 301-498-1107                                                                                                                                                          | stevenanlage@yah  | Cardinal Forest                                                                        |                     |                       |                                     |
| Logical Project Limit                                                                                                                                                          | ROADWAY                                                                                                                                                               | I-95              | BarrierNam                                                                             |                     |                       |                                     |
| SW quadrant of I-95/MD 216 interchange along SB I-95                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                       |                   |                                                                                        |                     |                       |                                     |
| RESPONSE                                                                                                                                                                       | INQUIRY                                                                                                                                                               |                   | 2nd Contact                                                                            |                     |                       |                                     |
| letter to el officials; describe Type I & II criteria; no plans for I-95 that warrant Type I eval; fails for Type II for date (homes built 1985-92) after 1971 opening of I-95 |                                                                                                                                                                       |                   | noise being reflected into comm by High Ridge barrier wants noise study & barrier ASAP |                     |                       |                                     |
| FILE LOCATION                                                                                                                                                                  | OTHER                                                                                                                                                                 | Last Conta        | Researcher                                                                             | Primary SHA Contact | Construction Projects |                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                       | 02/13/2004        |                                                                                        | None                |                       |                                     |
| Do we owe a letter                                                                                                                                                             | Letter Commit due da                                                                                                                                                  | Letter signed dat | Reason Letter Is Lat                                                                   | n/a                 |                       |                                     |
| LAST action                                                                                                                                                                    | 2-13-04 Rec'd e-mail from Del. Pendergrass & letter from Sen. Schrader requesting noise study for Cardinal Forest comm; fails for date for Type II; comm not eligible |                   |                                                                                        |                     |                       |                                     |
| Comments: This field can not be sorted or searched. OPPE or Hwy rep current type 1                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                       |                   |                                                                                        |                     |                       |                                     |

All Elected Officials: 02-2004 EO's Dist. 13 Sen. Sandra B. Schrader; Dels. Shane E. Pendergrass; Neil F. Quinter; Frank S. Turner; HO Cncl Christopher Merdon

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Account Identifier: District - 06 Account Number - 527531

**Owner Information**

Owner Name: ANLAGE STEVEN MARK Use: RESIDENTIAL  
 ANLAGE VALORIE L  
 Principal Residence: YES  
 Mailing Address: 8810 HERONS FLIGHT Deed Reference: 1) / 2392/ 624  
 LAUREL MD 20723-1296 2)

(301) 498-1107 email: steveanlage@yahoo.com

**Location & Structure Information**

Premises Address  
 8810 E HERONS FLIGHT  
 LAUREL 20723

Zoning  
 R20

Legal Description  
 LOT 29 .441 A  
 8810 HERONS FLIGHT  
 THE FOREST

| Map | Grid | Parcel | Sub District | Subdivision | Section | Block | Lot | Group | Piat No:  | 8869 |
|-----|------|--------|--------------|-------------|---------|-------|-----|-------|-----------|------|
| 47  | 19   | 1002   |              |             |         |       | 29  | 81    | Piat Ref: |      |

Special Tax Areas Town Ad Valorem Tax Class A/V, METRO FIRE TAX

| Primary Structure Built | Enclosed Area | Property Land Area | County Use |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------|
| 1991                    | 2,388 SF      | 19,209.00 SF       |            |
| Stories                 | Basement      | Type               | Exterior   |
| 2                       | YES           | STANDARD UNIT      | FRAME      |

**Value Information**

|                    | Base Value | Value As Of 01/01/2002 | Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2003 | As Of 07/01/2004 |
|--------------------|------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Land:              | 77,400     | 89,400                 |                                       |                  |
| Improvements:      | 189,810    | 235,340                |                                       |                  |
| Total:             | 267,210    | 324,740                | 305,562                               | 324,740          |
| Preferential Land: | 0          | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                |

**Transfer Information**

|                                     |                    |                  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Seller: NVHOMES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP | Date: 09/17/1991   | Price: \$278,275 |
| Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH          | Deed1: / 2392/ 624 | Deed2:           |
| Seller: J J M INC                   | Date: 06/25/1991   | Price: \$80,033  |
| Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH          | Deed1: / 2349/ 37  | Deed2:           |
| Seller:                             | Date:              | Price:           |
| Type:                               | Deed1:             | Deed2:           |

**Exemption Information**

| Partial Exempt Assessments | Class | 07/01/2003 | 07/01/2004 |
|----------------------------|-------|------------|------------|
| County                     | 000   | 0          | 0          |
| State                      | 000   | 0          | 0          |
| Municipal                  | 000   | 0          | 0          |

Tax Exempt: NO  
 Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

\* NONE \*

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 Del. Shane E. Pendergast  
 Neil F. Winter  
 Frank S. Turner

How: Christine  
 Mark

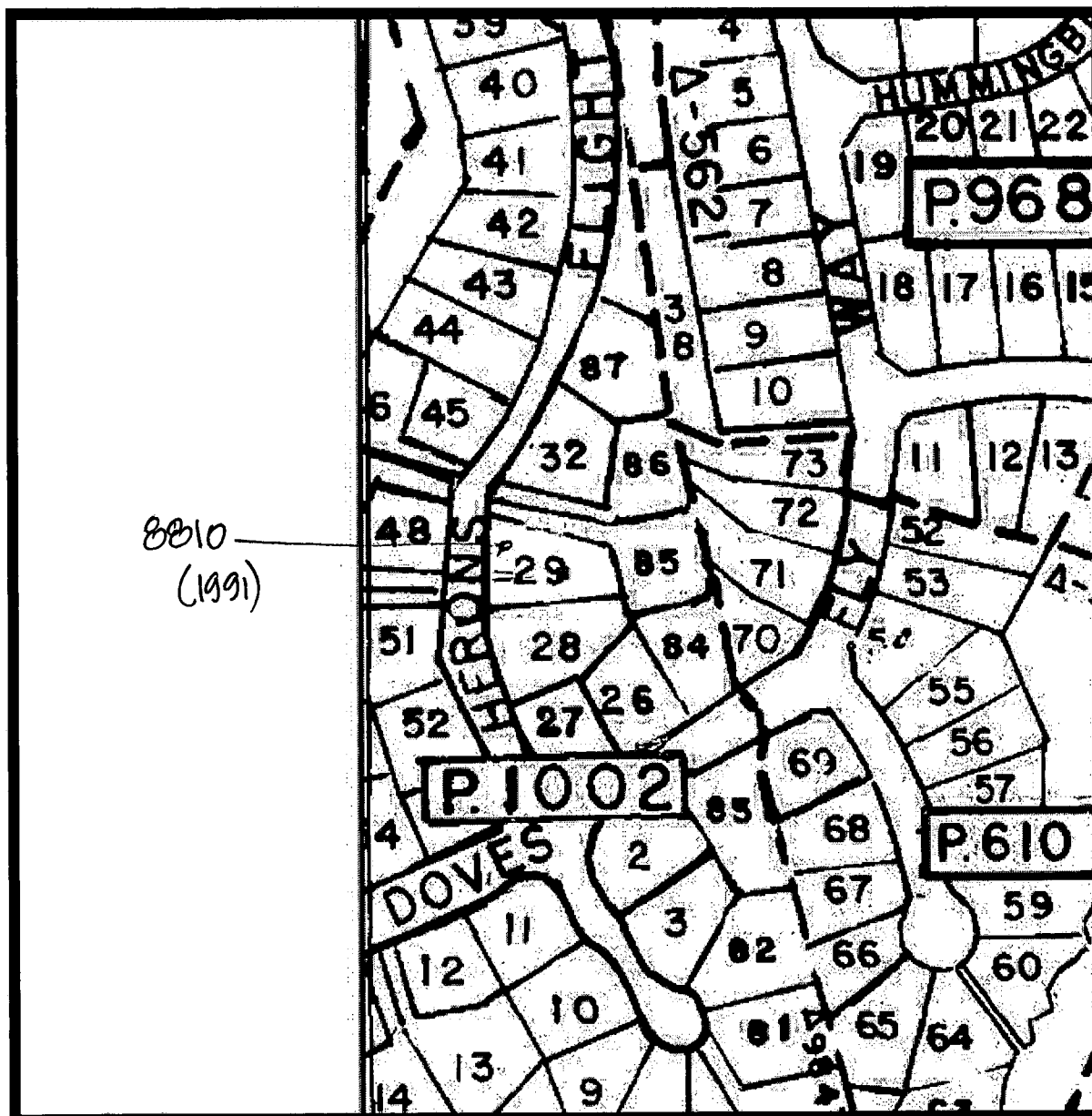
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Maryland Department of Transportation

February 12, 2004

The Honorable Sandra B. Schrader  
Senate of Maryland  
322 James Senate Office Building  
110 College Avenue  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Schrader:

*Sandy*

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Allview Estates community regarding the sound barrier project along northbound US 29 between Seneca Drive and the ramp to eastbound Broken Land Parkway. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2004, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Banneker Room, located on the first floor of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

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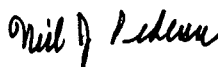
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Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

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Maryland Department of Transportation

February 12, 2004

Mr. Steven Sharar  
Division Chief  
Transportation and Special Projects Division  
Bureau of Engineering  
Howard County Department of Public Works  
9250 Bendix Road  
Columbia MD 21045-1800

Dear Mr. Sharar:

Steve

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Maryland Department of Transportation

September 23, 2004

The Honorable Haven N. Shoemaker  
Mayor, Town of Hampstead  
1034 South Carroll Street  
Hampstead MD 21074-1816

Dear Mayor Shoemaker:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Singer Heights and Westwood communities regarding the proposed sound barriers along the MD 30 By-pass, just north of Houcksville Road, in Carroll County. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2004, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Cafeteria of the Shiloh Middle School, 3675 Willow Street, Hampstead. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sound barrier proposed for this project and to seek concurrence on the construction of a barrier from at least 75 percent of the owners whose homes will be *both impacted* by highway noise in the design year 2020 *and benefited* by a barrier. "Impacted" homes are those which are predicted to experience either: a 10-decibel increase in highway noise levels over existing conditions; or highway noise levels of 66 decibels or more that would be at least 3 decibels higher in 2020 than if the highway had not been built. "Benefited" homes are those for which a barrier will provide at least a 3-decibel reduction in highway noise (if they are impacted) or a 5-decibel reduction (if they are not impacted). We will distribute vote cards to qualifying owners who attend the meeting and will mail vote cards, along with materials that are distributed at the meeting, to qualifying owners who are unable to attend.

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Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation  
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Maryland Department of Transportation

138 Defense Highway  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

September 3, 2004

The Honorable Theodore J. Sophocleus  
Maryland House of Delegates  
214 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Sophocleus:

This letter is a follow-up to your recent inquiry regarding a sound barrier for the Linthicum Hills community, adjacent to the ramp from northbound I-695 to northbound MD 295 in Anne Arundel County. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your inquiry.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers in two circumstances, designated "Type I" and "Type II." In "Type I" situations, barriers are considered when a new highway is being built or an existing highway is being expanded to increase its through-capacity. This project was undertaken to make safety changes to the ramp from northbound I-695 to northbound MD 295 and included adjusting the roadside drainage. Because the nature of this project was not classified as a through-capacity improvement, it was determined to be exempt from the requirement of a noise analysis under a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion.

When a highway already exists and is *not* being expanded—so that Type I criteria do not apply—a community that predates the original highway may be considered for our "Type II," or "retrofit," sound barrier program. The intent of the Type II program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analyses became a part of the highway development process. All of the following technical criteria must be met for a Type II barrier to be approved: the majority of impacted homes must predate the highway; existing noise levels must equal or exceed the 66-decibel impact threshold; and an effective barrier must be able to be built for \$50,000 or less per benefited home. If these criteria are met, the county in which the community is located must have an ordinance that addresses the impact of highway traffic noise on new residential development, and the county must agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost.

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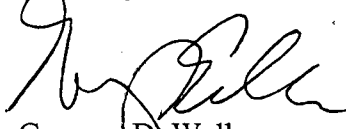
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**From:** TED SEVERE  
**To:** GREGORY WELKER  
**Subject:** Response letter for Del. Sophocleus RE: Linthicum Heights

Dear Mr. Welker:

The attached letter file contains a response to Del. Sophocleus for your use regarding the Linthicum Heights community and the current project to modify the ramp from NB I-695 to NB MD 295. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-545--8600 or, by e-mail, at [tsevere@sha.state.md.us](mailto:tsevere@sha.state.md.us).

Sincerely,  
Ted Severe  
Administrative Assistant  
Noise Abatement Team  
Office of Environmental Design

**CC:** JIM HADE; NICOLE ROSS



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September 1, 2004

The Honorable Theodore J. Sophocleus  
Maryland House of Delegates  
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September 1, 2004

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August 31, 2004

The Honorable Theodore J. Sophocleus  
Maryland House of Delegates  
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As part of the analysis, we will determine the impact of the proposed improvements on projected future noise levels. We will, specifically, determine whether future highway noise levels will equal or exceed the impact threshold of 66-decibels. If so, then we will also determine whether the highway noise will be at least three-decibels higher in the year 2024, than it would have been in that year if the ramp was not improved. A three-decibel increase is required because the human ear only begins to discern a change in noise levels if the change is between three and five-decibels. If these conditions are met, we will then determine whether we can reduce the excess noise levels for a reasonable cost.

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August 30, 2004

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., *Governor*  
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Robert L. Flanagan, *Secretary*  
Neil J. Pedersen, *Administrator*

Maryland Department of Transportation

June 21, 2004

The Honorable Theodore J. Sophocleus  
Maryland House of Delegates  
214 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Sophocleus:

This letter is a follow-up to your recent inquiry to Mr. Charles B. Adams, the State Highway Administration's (SHA) Director of Environmental Design, regarding the extension of the existing sound barrier for the southern portion of the Crestwood community adjacent to the outer loop of I-695 between the I-695/MD 295 interchange and ending approximately at Linthicum Lane in Anne Arundel County. The area of interest is for several homes on Medora Avenue. It is my pleasure to respond to your questions.

Specifically, when you met recently with Mr. Adams, you asked that SHA contact the leadership of the Crestwood Improvement Association to determine if they were aware of the issue and were in support of the residents' request. That contact was made, and the response from the association president, Mr. Barry J. Catterton (coincidentally, an SHA employee), was that the Medora Avenue area is well outside the area represented by the association and that the association had not received any inquiries about supporting a request to extend the existing sound barrier.

You also requested an estimated cost to extend the existing sound barrier. An extension would need to be approximately 700 feet in length and would cost between \$600,000 and \$700,000. As we have indicated in previous correspondence on this subject, three property owners had previously signed statements that they did not wish to have a barrier extend across their respective properties. Based on our records, the properties in question are still owned by these individuals. Additionally, at this time there is no funding for any new Type II (retrofit) sound barriers in our Consolidated Transportation Program through FY 2009.

My telephone number/toll-free number is 410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770  
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DISTRICT 7, GREENBELT

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Thank you for your interest in these issues. I trust that we have provided the information you requested. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Adams at 410 545-8640 or [cadams@sha.state.md.us](mailto:cadams@sha.state.md.us). He will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,

*Neil J. Pedersen*

Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA  
The Honorable Pamela G. Beidle, Member, Anne Arundel County Council  
Mr. Barry J. Catterton, President, Crestwood Improvement Association  
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Maryland Department of Transportation

January 5, 2004

The Honorable Theodore J. Sophocleus  
Maryland House of Delegates  
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Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Sophocleus:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Crestwood community along eastbound I-695 in Anne Arundel County, in which you copied your constituent, Mr. E. Adams Tillett, Jr. Mr. Tillett has written to the State Highway Administration (SHA) before, seeking a sound barrier for his home at 5909 Medora Road in Linthicum Heights. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your inquiry.

In 1990, the State Highway Administration (SHA) constructed a Type II sound barrier for the Crestwood community that runs adjacent to the ramp from northbound Baltimore-Washington Parkway (MD 295) from Chestnut Oak Lane along MD 295 up and along the ramp and down I-695 to approximately the end of Fountain Drive. The existing sound barrier, as originally designed, was intended to go farther along I-695 and would have protected Mr. Tillett's home. Our records indicate that, in order to construct the sound barrier as originally designed, a portion of one or more properties would have to have been donated. However, the homeowners of 401 Viewing Avenue and 5901 and 5903 Medora Road did not wish to have the sound barrier at their respective properties and signed letters to that effect. Therefore, the barrier was ended at its present location. I have enclosed copies of two of those letters, for 5901 and 5903 Medora Road.

Once homeowners indicate that they do not wish to have a sound barrier adjacent to part of or all of their property or do not wish to donate the required right-of-way or easement, our policy is that we will not, at a later date, reconsider a sound barrier for that portion of the community that rejected the original sound barrier design. Therefore, we must respectfully decline your request to perform a new noise study for the few homes along Medora Road that predate I-695.

The SHA has also evaluated the Twin Oaks community, immediately to the south of the Crestwood community along eastbound I-695, to determine its eligibility for a Type II sound barrier. Our evaluation determined that the majority of homes in the Twin Oaks community, beginning at Linthicum Lane and including the homes on Oak Twin Court and Elm Twin Court and adjacent to I-695, were constructed between 1969 and 2000, after the 1962 opening of I-695. Based on this information, under SHA policy the Twin Oaks community cannot be considered for a Type II sound barrier, because it postdates I-695.

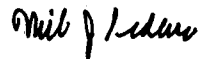
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Thank you again for your letter on behalf of Mr. Tillett and his immediate neighbors in the Crestwood community, and for your interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640, 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at [cadams@sha.state.md.us](mailto:cadams@sha.state.md.us). He will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA  
The Honorable Pamela G. Beidle, Member, Anne Arundel County Council  
The Honorable James E. DeGrange, Sr., Member, Senate of Maryland  
The Honorable Mary Ann Love, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
Mr. E. Adams Tillett, Jr.  
Mr. Gregory Welker, District Engineer, SHA

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Ms. Nanette M. Schieke, State Legislative Officer, MDOT  
Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA  
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Liaison, SHA

**Serial #:** None

**OED Serial#:** None

**Noise Customer #:** 1847 (Tillett)

**Responding to letter dated:** Follow-up to 11-17-2003 letter from Del. Gilleland to Mr. Charles Adams, Director of OED; Mr. Gilleland indicated that he visited Mr. Tillett's home at 5909 Medora Road on 11-11-2003 and found it quite noisy; while he would like the State to explore the creation of a sound barrier to protect Mr. Tillett and his neighbors, he indicates that he is aware of the cost implications for a Type II barrier; he requests SHA to perform a noise level study to determine the current noise levels; he would also like SHA to revisit the homeowners who turned down having the proposed sound barrier adjacent to their properties and determine if they may have changed their minds regarding a sound barrier adjacent to their homes.

Also, Del. Sophocleus, in his 11-16-2003 letter to Mr. Adams, states and requests: "In my travels around the extensive highway system in my district (32) and beyond, I see more and more "walls" (sound barriers) going up in the most unusual areas; no homes to be seen but there is a wall. Therefore, I believe a more aggressive approach is in order to address the Crestwood Community's problem which is many homes, but limited protection given by the State. Please advise me of all action to be taken immediately. This lack of attention to this serious problem has been delinquent long enough."

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Enclosures:

One copy each of the 04-26-1989 letters to Messrs. William E. and Joseph DeCoursey, owners of record for 5901 and 5903 Medora Road, Linthicum Heights, respectively, that indicate their wish to **not** have the sound barrier for the Crestwood community at their respective properties.

[Please note that a similar letter for the owner of record for 401 Viewing Avenue was not found.]



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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor  
Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor

Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary  
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

September 23, 2004

The Honorable Nancy R. Stocksdale  
Maryland House of Delegates  
322 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate ~~Stocksdale~~ *Nancy*

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Singer Heights and Westwood communities regarding the proposed sound barriers along the MD 30 By-pass, just north of Houcksville Road, in Carroll County. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2004, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Cafeteria of the Shiloh Middle School, 3675 Willow Street, Hampstead. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the sound barrier proposed for this project and to seek concurrence on the construction of a barrier from at least 75 percent of the owners whose homes will be *both impacted* by highway noise in the design year 2020 *and benefited* by a barrier. "Impacted" homes are those which are predicted to experience either: a 10-decibel increase in highway noise levels over existing conditions; or highway noise levels of 66 decibels or more that would be at least 3 decibels higher in 2020 than if the highway had not been built. "Benefited" homes are those for which a barrier will provide at least a 3-decibel reduction in highway noise (if they are impacted) or a 5-decibel reduction (if they are not impacted). We will distribute vote cards to qualifying owners who attend the meeting and will mail vote cards, along with materials that are distributed at the meeting, to qualifying owners who are unable to attend.

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Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Nicole Ross, of our staff, at 410-545-8616 or 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at [nross@sha.state.md.us](mailto:nross@sha.state.md.us). She will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor  
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Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary  
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

September 23, 2004

The Honorable Tanya A. Thornton-Shewell  
Maryland House of Delegates  
322 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Thornton-Shewell:

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Singer Heights and Westwood communities regarding the proposed sound barriers along the MD 30 By-pass, just north of Houcksville Road, in Carroll County. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2004, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Cafeteria of the Shiloh Middle School, 3675 Willow Street, Hampstead. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

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Neil J. Pedersen  
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Robert L. Flanagan, *Secretary*  
Neil J. Pedersen, *Administrator*

Maryland Department of Transportation

February 12, 2004

The Honorable Frank S. Turner  
Maryland House of Delegates  
206 Lowe House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear ~~Delegate Turner~~: *Frank*

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will conduct an informational meeting for the Allview Estates community regarding the sound barrier project along northbound US 29 between Seneca Drive and the ramp to eastbound Broken Land Parkway. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2004, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Banneker Room, located on the first floor of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland. Before the meeting, displays will be available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sound barrier for the community and to seek concurrence on the construction of the barrier from at least 75 percent of the impacted property owners that would benefit from the barrier. We will distribute vote cards at the meeting to those impacted homeowners. Impacted property owners who are eligible to vote are those whose homes experience existing highway noise levels of 66 decibels or greater. The purpose of the vote will be to obtain agreement on the construction of sound barriers in order that we may continue to proceed with the design of the barriers.

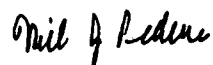
Property owners who are unable to attend this meeting will receive a summary of the meeting and copies of all materials distributed at the meeting approximately seven to ten days following the meeting. Voting cards will also be included for impacted property owners who are unable to attend the meeting.

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Your attendance at this meeting would be appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Nicole Ross, our Special Assistant to the Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8616, 1-800-446-5962, or [nross@sha.state.md.us](mailto:nross@sha.state.md.us). She will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

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Mr. T.E. Severe, Administrative Assistant, Noise Abatement Team, SHA  
Ms. Linda I. Singer, Legislative Liaison, SHA

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**Responding to letter dated:** Invitation to elected and HO Co officials for the Allview Estates community in HO Co to attend the SHA-hosted community informational meeting on 03-18-2004 in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City; meeting to run from 7 to 9 pm with displays available for viewing from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

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Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor  
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Maryland Department of Transportation

December 27, 2004

The Honorable Christopher Van Hollen  
Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Suite 507  
51 Monroe Street  
Rockville, Maryland 20850-2406

Dear Congressman Van Hollen:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Mr. Geoffrey E. Grant, Vice President of the Bethesda Place Homeowners Association. Mr. Grant had written to you regarding the Bethesda Place/Stratton Commons community's request for a sound barrier adjacent in the southeastern quadrant of the I-270 West Spur/Democracy Boulevard interchange, in Montgomery County.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) considers the need for sound barriers in two circumstances, designated "Type I" and "Type II." In "Type I" situations, barriers are considered when a new highway is being built or an existing highway is being expanded. At this time, SHA has no plans to further improve this portion of I-270 that would warrant a Type I sound barrier evaluation. If such a project were planned for this segment of I-270, however, we would analyze the impact of the proposed improvements on projected future noise levels. We would, specifically, determine whether future highway noise levels will equal or exceed the impact threshold of 66 decibels. If so, then we would also determine whether the highway noise would be at least three decibels higher than it would have been if the highway were not improved. A three-decibel increase is required because the human ear only begins to discern a change in noise levels if the change is between three and five decibels. The homes that would be impacted by any such increase in highway noise would also have to predate the approval of the highway improvements. If these conditions were met, we would then determine whether we could reduce the excess noise levels for a reasonable cost.

For the most recent improvements to the I-270 West Spur, the area was studied in an environmental reanalysis that was completed in Fall, 2000. The purpose of this reanalysis was to review the design proposals for consistency with the approved 1997 *Finding of No Significant Impact* (FONSI) environmental document. As part of the reevaluation, a reassessment of the noise analysis results was conducted. Those results confirmed the prior findings that there were insufficient increases in noise to warrant consideration of noise abatement. These conclusions were based on a comparison of noise levels from the proposed project (the "build" condition) with: 1) the "no-build" condition (not constructing the improvements) and; 2) the cumulative effects of prior improvements to the I-270 West Spur (that is, noise from the original 4-lane section compared to the "build" noise levels with the new improvements).

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When a highway already exists and is *not* being expanded—so that Type I criteria do not apply—communities may be considered for our “Type II,” or “retrofit,” sound barrier program. The intent of the Type II program is to address areas of noise impact along highways that were built before environmental analyses became a part of the highway development process. A number of criteria must be met for a Type II barrier to be approved. First, the county in which the community is located must have an ordinance that addresses the impact of highway traffic noise on new residential development. In addition, the highway in question must be a controlled-access highway (one with interchanges rather than at-grade intersections). If both of these conditions exist, then all of the following technical criteria must also be met: the majority of impacted homes must predate the highway; existing noise levels must equal or exceed the 66-decibel impact threshold; and it must be possible to build an effective barrier for \$50,000 or less per benefited home. If all of these criteria are met, the county must then agree to fund 20 percent of the barrier cost.

The State Highway Administration has evaluated the Bethesda Place/Stratton Commons community for a Type II sound barrier as outlined above. The results of our evaluation determined that the majority of the homes in the community were constructed in the mid to late-1970s, after the 1964 opening of the I-270 West Spur. Based on this information, the Stratton Commons community cannot be considered for a Type II sound barrier because it postdates the I-270 West Spur. When it is determined that a community has not met the Sound Barrier Policy’s date criterion, we do not conduct any further investigations, including highway traffic noise studies. Were we to do so, we would raise expectations that we could not meet. Enclosed, for your information, is a copy of our brochure, *Community Resource Guide On Sound Barriers*, that outlines the State’s Sound Barrier Policy.

Mr. Grant indicated that the Bethesda Place Homeowners Association completed a “survey of the other neighborhoods that border the Beltway from River Road to Old Georgetown Road and along the Route 270 North and southbound split” to determine what communities have received sound barriers. The SHA confirms these various barriers and that they were erected when the associated communities met all of the technical requirements for either Type I or Type II sound barriers under the State’s Sound Barrier Program, as outlined above. When these same criteria were applied to Bethesda Place/Stratton Commons, the community failed one or more of the technical criteria. Also, the Bethesda Place Community Council wrote to SHA in September 2003 to file a formal appeal of SHA’s decision to not include noise abatement in the recent I-270 West Spur/Democracy Boulevard interchange project. The Council’s basis of appeal was that it disagreed with a specific criterion in the State’s Sound Barrier Policy. According to that Policy, this disagreement was not a basis for appeal and, therefore, the appeal was denied in a letter to the Bethesda Place Community Council, Inc. dated January 22, 2004. A copy of that letter is enclosed. Again, SHA must respectfully deny the request for reconsideration of the Bethesda Place/Stratton Commons community for noise abatement (sound barriers).

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Thank you for your letter on behalf of Mr. Grant and the Bethesda Place Homeowners Association and your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Program. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, our Noise Abatement Team Leader, at 410-545-8599, 1-800-446-5962 or, by email, at [jhade@sha.state.md.us](mailto:jhade@sha.state.md.us). He will be pleased to assist you. Of course, you should never hesitate to contact me directly, if you prefer.

Sincerely,

*Normetta D. Goodrum*  
for Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

Enclosure

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The Honorable William A. Bronrott, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable Howard A. Denis, Member, Montgomery County Council  
The Honorable Brian E. Frosh, Member, Senate of Maryland  
The Honorable Marilyn R. Goldwater, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
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**OED Serial#:** None

**Noise Customer #:** 2865 (Mr. Geoffrey E. Grant)

**Responding to letter dated:** Follow-up to 12-09-2004 letter from Con. Van Hollen to SHA Admin. Pedersen on behalf of Mr. Geoffrey E. Grant, Vice President of the Bethesda Place Homeowners Association; Con. Van Hollen wrote:

*"I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Geoffrey Grant, with respect to his request for reconsideration of the installation of sound barriers along the boundaries of his neighborhood and Route 270.*

*"I would appreciate your reviewing the attached letter and advising me of your findings. All correspondence can be sent to the following address:*

*"51 Monroe Street, Suite 507*

*"Rockville, MD 20850*

*"FAX: (301) 424-5992*

*"If you need additional information, please contact Char Rosnick in my Rockville office at (301) 424-3501.*

*"Thank you for your assistance."*

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Attachment:

One copy of 01-22-2004 letter from SHA Admin. Neil J. Pedersen to Mr. Michael E. Grant, President of the Bethesda Place Community Council, Inc. (3pages)

CHRIS VAN HOLLEN  
8TH DISTRICT, MARYLAND

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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515

December 9, 2004

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Mr. Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator  
Maryland State Highway Administration  
707 North Calvert St.  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mr. Pedersen:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Geoffrey Grant, with respect to his request for reconsideration of the installation of sound barriers along the boundaries of his neighborhood and Route 270.

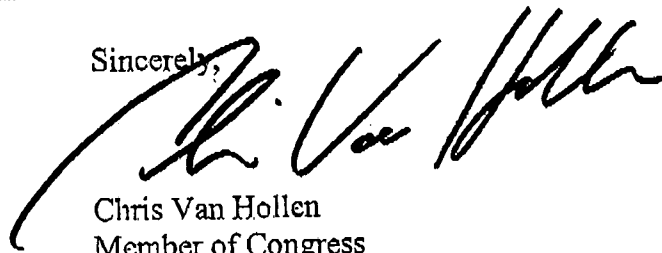
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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Chris Van Hollen  
Member of Congress

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November 9, 2004

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The Honorable Chris Van Hollen  
51 Monroe Street, Suite 507  
Rockville, MD 20850

By office of  
Congressman Van Hollen

Dear Congressman Van Hollen,

Congratulations again on your reelection. It was a pleasure to meet you the day after the election as you greeted your constituents at the Bethesda Metro station. I appreciate the time you took to discuss the dilemma that our neighborhood is experiencing in getting appropriate consideration from Maryland and Montgomery County government officials regarding the highway noise problem in Bethesda Place.

I am asking for your help in persuading the Maryland State Highway Administration to authorize the construction of noise barriers along the boundaries of the neighborhood and Route 270 and Democracy Boulevard. As you can see from the attached chronology, officers of this neighborhood association have been attempting to get noise barriers erected since 1995, and they have made over 30 contacts either by mail or phone, all to no avail. The problem has been significant for nearly ten years.

Now the neighborhood suffers to an ever greater degree because of the recent reconstruction of the Route 270 off-ramp to Democracy Boulevard. The State changed the design from two separate exits for east and west bound traffic to one ramp that routes both east and west bound traffic right past our neighborhood. This has essentially doubled the amount of traffic past our homes. Truck and automobile traffic along Route 270 and Democracy have increased significantly over the past several years, adding to the constant noise in the neighborhood from very early in the morning (4:00 a.m. or so) to very late at night (after midnight).

In the fall and winter, with the leaves off the trees, the noise throughout the neighborhood, but especially for homes bordering either Route 270 or Democracy, becomes unbearable. I can hear it now as I sit and write this letter at 10:00 p.m., and it's a major nuisance. For children or the elderly in the neighborhood, it not only affects their quality of life, but their health.

State and County officials have refused to respond to our repeated requests to erect noise barriers. In spite of Federal and State regulatory language that states that "Flexibility is an important element of good noise abatement decisionmaking criteria and procedures. The criteria and procedures should be objective enough to be quantifiable, but they should also be flexible enough to allow the decisionmaker to make meaningful judgments on a case-by-case basis for special circumstances. The State and County officials with whom we have dealt have indicated that the actual policy and resulting practice was developed in conjunction with State legislators and that it



stresses affordability over flexibility. So, we are caught in an age old dilemma of one group of State officials (SHA) passing the responsibility to another group of State officials (Legislators) for applying criteria that are neither fair nor transparent to the citizenry.

Finally, I will add that we have recently completed a survey of the other neighborhoods that border the Beltway from River Road to Old Georgetown Road and along the Route 270 north and southbound split. Virtually all of these neighborhoods have noise barriers. Some of these neighborhoods were built before the Beltway, and some were built afterwards, suggesting that flexible decisions were made in each case. So, Bethesda Place is the one exception to the rule of protecting communities along the Beltway and the Route 270 split!

We are requesting your assistance in obtaining the same protection. As our Congressman, and as a former State Legislator, we are asking for a favorable decision in having noise barriers built to protect our community. As part of that process, we would like to invite you and the appropriate State officials to one of our homes so that we might discuss this project in person. I will be glad to provide the details for such a meeting once I have received your response.

Thank you very much for your assistance. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey E. Grant  
Vice President  
Bethesda Place Homeowners Association

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**Chronology of Activities by Bethesda Place Community Council to Petition  
Maryland SHA and Montgomery County for Noise Barriers**

| Date              | Activity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| December 1995     | Members of Bethesda Place Community testified during public hearing on December 12, 1995 about preferred alternative for highway interchange project, against alternative that would bring more traffic near our community.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1995 - 1998       | Corresponded with Charles Adams, Director of Environmental Design, Maryland SHA, as part of concerns about noise effects of highway project on Grubby Thicket Way and Bethesda Place                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| March 19, 2001    | Wrote letter to Keith Kucharek, SHA project manager asking SHA to: 1) schedule construction to minimize noise impacts; and 2) mitigate adverse impacts of noise and visual intrusion.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| April 2001        | Keith Kucharek, SHA project manager, and Ken Polcak, SHA noise expert, met with Bethesda Place Board of Directors to discuss noise concerns about project                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| June 2001         | Mr. Kucharek of SHA agreed to improve the landscape plan for the project to create a visual buffer; landscape planners met with members of our community; noise concerns not addressed.                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| July 18, 2001     | Wrote letters to state legislators, Governor Glendening, Council member Howard Denis, and County Executive Doug Duncan to inform them of our concerns about noise impacts of project.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| July 25, 2001     | Received correspondence back from state legislators (Frosh, Bronrott, Goldwater, Kopp), who in turn wrote to MDOT Secretary John Porcari                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| September 7, 2001 | Received letter from state legislators, which included a copy of a letter from MDOT Secretary Porcari saying that noise abatement would not be provided but that landscaping would be improved.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| October 23, 2001  | Mr. Kucharek and landscape designers met with members of Bethesda Place community at Annual open meeting of the homeowners association to present improved landscape plan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| November 7, 2001  | Charles Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA, sent us a letter describing why we do not qualify for Type I or Type II noise barriers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| January 4, 2002   | Received letter from Doug Duncan saying that this is a "State decision", however, "it may be possible to explore with the State the feasibility of SHA constructing the additional sound barrier if the Bethesda Place community would be willing to fund the incremental cost difference of such construction."                                                                             |
| March 27, 2002    | Wrote detailed letter to Ken Polcak asking for answers to technical questions about the noise analysis that was conducted for the highway project (how were cumulative impacts accounted for in the noise analysis, why the portion of the community along Greentree Road was not considered in the noise study, why the analysis does not account for off-peak traffic noise).              |
| March 30, 2002    | Wrote follow up letters to state legislators, Doug Duncan, and Council member Howard Denis saying that we continue to believe that SHA has not adequately addressed noise issues for this highway project. Letter also noted that Montgomery County Master Plan for North Bethesda/Garrett Park called for noise walls to have been provided when I-270 was widened from 4 lanes to 6 lanes. |
| April 5, 2002     | Received letter from state legislators (Frosh, Bronrott, Goldwater, Lee) saying                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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|                    | that they have written to DOT Secretary Porcari to review our concerns.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| April 29, 2002     | Received letter (forwarded from state legislators) from Secretary Porcari saying that "the State Highway Administration's (SHA) Office of Environmental Design is preparing a thorough response to those issues and expects to be able to provide that information in a couple of weeks."                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| September 5, 2002  | Sent e-mail to Mr. Polcak and Mr. Adams to inquire about response to our March 27, 2002 letter, since we had been told we would receive a response in a couple of weeks, yet over 4 months had passed. We also asked for copies of all of the noise analyses.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| September 25, 2002 | Received letter from Charles Adams providing detailed responses to questions raised in our March 2002 letter.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| May 2, 2003        | Sent e-mail to Mr. Polcak and Mr. Adams again asking for copies of technical noise reports and state noise barrier policy so that we could better understand how the noise analysis was conducted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| May 20, 2003       | Spoke to Mr. Bob Simpson, Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation. He suggested that we work with SHA since this is a state project. He was generally negative about the potential role of the county, even in a cost-sharing arrangement with the state. He informed me that there is no precedent for the county to pay a portion of the cost of noise abatement if a project does not meet SHA criteria, and said that the Master Plan is only a vision and not binding on agencies like SHA.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| May 28, 2003       | Received copy of noise study for I-270/Democracy Blvd. project, dated August 1995.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| June 3, 2003       | Called SHA to inquire about more recent studies; received updated Environmental Reevaluation, dated October 2000. Also received copy of Maryland Sound Barrier Policy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| June 4, 2003       | Received letter from Michael Mitchell, Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation, about Montgomery County's recently implemented Highway Noise Abatement Program.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| July 2003          | Spoke with Mr. Mitchell, who informed me that even though the program brochure and guidance do not say so explicitly, the Montgomery County Highway Noise Abatement Program only addresses noise along county roads, and would not address noise along a state highway.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| September 9, 2003  | Sent letter to Neil Pedersen, SHA Administrator, appealing SHA's decision not to include noise abatement near the Bethesda Place Community; outlined in detail rationale for qualifying for noise abatement. Also sent copies to our state legislators.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| February 2004      | Received a letter from Neil Pedersen denying our appeal. The letter put the rationale squarely in terms of money and politics. It says: "We recognize that FHWA's policy encourages flexibility, and we believe that our policy is flexible. The current policy was developed with the guidance of a panel of Maryland legislators who felt that, while it was important to provide flexibility, it was even more important to establish boundaries for the policy that would result in an affordable program....To relax this element in this situation would open the State to request, for similar treatment, by numerous other communities that had previously been denied a barrier for this reason. The State is not in a position to fund such an outcome." The letter also provides information on the Greentree portion of the community that appears to conflict with information from previous correspondence, but says that the |

| Date          | Activity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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|               | issue was analyzed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| February 2004 | Contacted David Marks, assistant to Maryland Transportation Secretary Robert Flanagan, and spoke to him about the noise issues, and rationale for appeal, as well as reason we feel that denial of appeal inaccurately characterizes the situation.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| June 2004     | Wrote to Michael Mitchell, Highway Noise Abatement Program, Department of Public Works and Transportation, Montgomery County to request a noise study and consideration to use County noise abatement funds to build noise barriers. Was informed that the County funds are used only on County highway projects in spite of the fact that the program brochure describes that they may be used on State projects as well. |
| June 2004     | Conducted appraisals to identify the impact of proximity to the highway and ramp on home values.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| July 2004     | Conducted a survey of homes bordering the Beltway from River Road to Old Georgetown Road and the Route 270 north and southbound split to the Beltway. Virtually every housing development along these route have noise barriers without regard for whether the Beltway preexisted the housing development or not.                                                                                                          |



Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor  
Michael S. Steele, Lt. Governor

Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary  
Neil J. Pedersen, Administrator

Maryland Department of Transportation

January 22, 2004

Michael Grant, President  
Bethesda Place Community Council, Inc.  
Suite 100  
7605 Arlington Road  
Bethesda MD 20814-6217

Dear Mr. Grant: *Michael*

This is a follow-up to your letter regarding the Bethesda Place Community Council's appeal of the State Highway Administration's (SHA) decision not to provide noise abatement for the Bethesda Place/Stratton Commons community, located in the southeast quadrant of the I-270 West Spur/Democracy Boulevard interchange in Montgomery County, as part of the I-270/Democracy Boulevard interchange project. I appreciate your patience while we reviewed and researched the points you raised and responded to them.

**Combined Response to Points 1 and 2 of your letter:**

The SHA's Sound Barrier Policy was approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in May 1998 and was based on a framework of federal guidance that was promulgated in June 1995. The receipt of federal approval of our policy meant that the language of SHA's Sound Barrier Policy was judged to be consistent with and to meet the spirit of the federal guidance.

We recognize that FHWA's policy encourages flexibility, and we believe that our policy is flexible. The current policy was developed with the guidance of a panel of Maryland legislators who felt that, while it was important to provide flexibility, it was even more important to establish boundaries for the policy that would result in an affordable program. This is the reason why our policy includes the 3-decibel threshold as a "reasonableness" criterion. While our policy uses the words "could be considered" with regard to the 3-decibel increase, in practice we have always applied this as a criterion that must be met. To relax this element in this situation would open the State to requests, for similar treatment, by numerous other communities that had previously been denied a barrier for this reason. The State is not in a position to fund such an outcome.

Regarding the federal guidance reference to a "rational, open process," we know that the criteria contained in our policy have been applied uniformly and believe that they provide a reasonable degree of flexibility. We also know that there have been, and will continue to be, instances in which communities do not meet the requirements for a sound barrier.

410-545-0400 or 1-800-206-0770

My telephone number/toll-free number is

Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech 1.800.735.2258 Statewide Toll Free

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**Response to Point 3 of your letter:**

As stated above, the increase of 3 decibels or more ("build" vs. "no build") is a part of the "reasonableness" criteria. As a matter of policy, SHA does not consider it reasonable to abate noise levels that are only marginally above the levels that would occur without the proposed improvements. When our explanatory text refers to "perceptible change," we are speaking of a change in the "average" noise level, or "Leq," not the second-to-second or minute-to-minute changes in noise that include "noise spikes" which average out in an Leq summary. While we appreciate that these noise events are bothersome, the Leq is the national standard that we follow.

This project was not particularly difficult to model. The physical changes associated with this project are not substantial (compared to the "no-build" condition) and do not result in noticeable changes in the noise level. Ramp traffic was modeled, taking into account the shift of traffic from the eliminated loop ramp to the eastbound ramp to Democracy Boulevard. In addition, the eastbound ramp widening was also included as an element of the prediction model.

In the reference to "peak period noise levels," changes in the noise level moment-to-moment are accounted for in the noise model, and all vehicles, including buses, are modeled. The "peak hour" Leq is the national standard noise descriptor, which FHWA requires states to use in the assessment of highway traffic noise impacts. The effect of vehicles passing at a close distance and the associated noise fluctuations are accounted for in the noise model, in that the analysis includes a distance-related calculation of noise level and considers the differing emission levels for different vehicle types, including buses. The more of these types of "events" that occur, the higher the overall average level will be.

**Response to Point 4 of your letter:**

Further referencing flexibility in the SHA policy, even when the 3-decibel increase threshold is not met, the policy provides for special consideration when the hourly Leq noise level reaches or exceeds 72 decibels. In cases where this occurs, our policy provides for any increase in noise resulting from the project improvements as having met this criterion. A key provision regarding appeals is contained on page 8 of the policy. The basis for appeals is limited to the application of the policy criteria or the accuracy of the technical analysis.

**Response to Point 5 of your letter:**

The issue concerning the Greentree Road area was addressed in the cumulative effects analysis. The results found that the acceleration lane resulted in no increase in noise. The policy indicates that, if noise reaches 72 decibels, there must be a demonstrated increase to further consider abatement. None was found in this situation.

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### Closing Comments

The reference to the Montgomery County Master Plan and the included recommendation of noise barriers along the I-270 spur is not binding on SHA and is based on the plan as it existed at that time. The construction of sound barriers with highway improvements is always based upon whether the eligibility requirements are met. The response to your point 4 is the conclusion we must reach in considering your appeal. Your disagreement with a specific criterion contained in the policy does not, according to the policy, provide a basis for appeal. We must therefore respectfully deny your appeal of our decision not to provide noise abatement for the Bethesda Place/Stratton Commons community as part of the I-270/Democracy Boulevard interchange improvements.

Thank you for your letter and your continuing interest in the State's Sound Barrier Policy. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at 410-545-8640, 1-800-446-5962 or, by e-mail, at [cadams@sha.state.md.us](mailto:cadams@sha.state.md.us). He will be pleased to assist you.

Sincerely,



Neil J. Pedersen  
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA  
The Honorable William A. Bronrott, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable Howard A. Denis, Member, Montgomery County Council  
The Honorable Douglas M. Duncan, Montgomery County Executive  
The Honorable Robert L. Flanagan, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation  
The Honorable Brian E. Frosh, Member, Senate of Maryland  
The Honorable Marilyn R. Goldwater, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
The Honorable Susan C. Lee, Member, Maryland House of Delegates  
Mr. Charlie K. Watkins, District Engineer, SHA

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## Owner Information

Owner Name: GRANT, GEOFFREY E & SUZANNE W Use: RESIDENTIAL  
Principal Residence: YES  
Mailing Address: 9920 DERBYSHIRE LN Deed Reference: 1) /25807/ 135  
BETHESDA MD 20817-1535 2)

## Location &amp; Structure Information

Premises Address  
9920 DERBYSHIRE LA  
BETHESDA 20817-1535

Legal Description  
STRATTON COMMONS

| Map  | Grid | Parcel | Sub District | Subdivision | Section | Block | Lot | Group | Plat No:  | 11357 |
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Ad Valorem  
Tax Class 38

| Primary Structure Built | Enclosed Area | Property Land Area | County Use |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------|
| 1978                    | 2,894 SF      | 9,158.00 SF        | 111        |

| Stories | Basement | Type          | Exterior |
|---------|----------|---------------|----------|
| 2       | YES      | STANDARD UNIT | SIDING   |

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|                    | Base Value | Value As Of 01/01/2004 | Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2004 | As Of 07/01/2005 |
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| Land:              | 112,650    | 297,310                |                                       |                  |
| Improvements:      | 289,300    | 297,670                |                                       |                  |
| Total:             | 401,950    | 594,980                | 466,293                               | 530,636          |
| Preferential Land: | 0          | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                |

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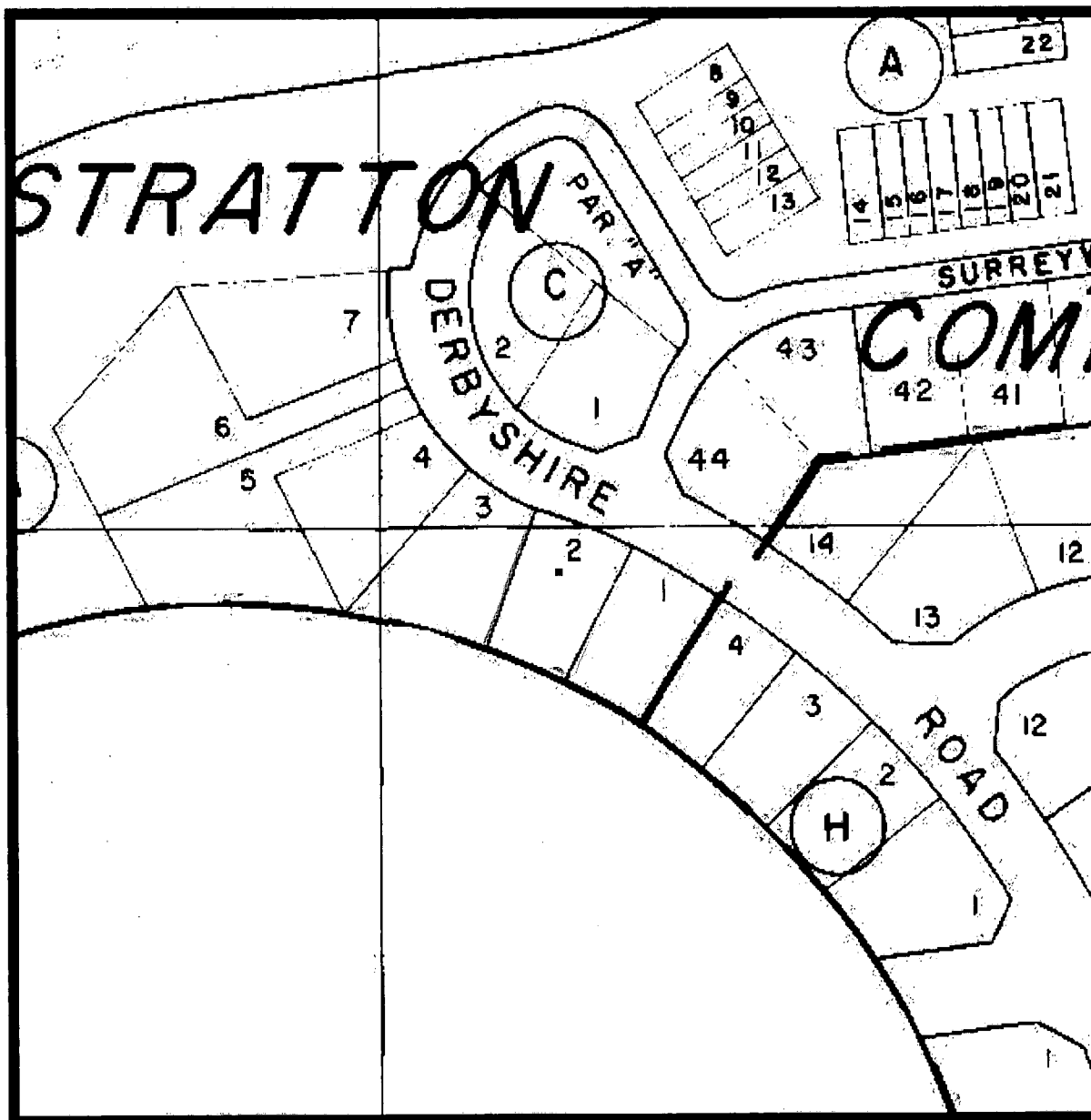
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| Elected Official whom has communicated directly to us on this custome                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                 |                                    |                     | Con. Christopher Van Hollen                               |                      |                                     |  |                     |  |
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| 12-17-2004 Con. Van Hollen wrote (12-09-2004) to SHA Admin. Pedersen on behalf of Mr. Grant, VP of Bethesda Place Homeowners Assn.; included copy of letter and chronology from Mr. Grant to Con. Van Hollen to request the Con. To intervene and persuade SHA to reconsider a barrier for the community |                 |                                    |                     |                                                           |                      |                                     |  |                     |  |
| All Elected Officials: 12-2004 EO's Dist. 16 Sen. Brian E. Frosh; Dels. William A. Bronrott; Marilyn R. Goldwater; Susan C. Lee; MO Cncl Howard A. Denis                                                                                                                                                 |                 |                                    |                     |                                                           |                      |                                     |  |                     |  |
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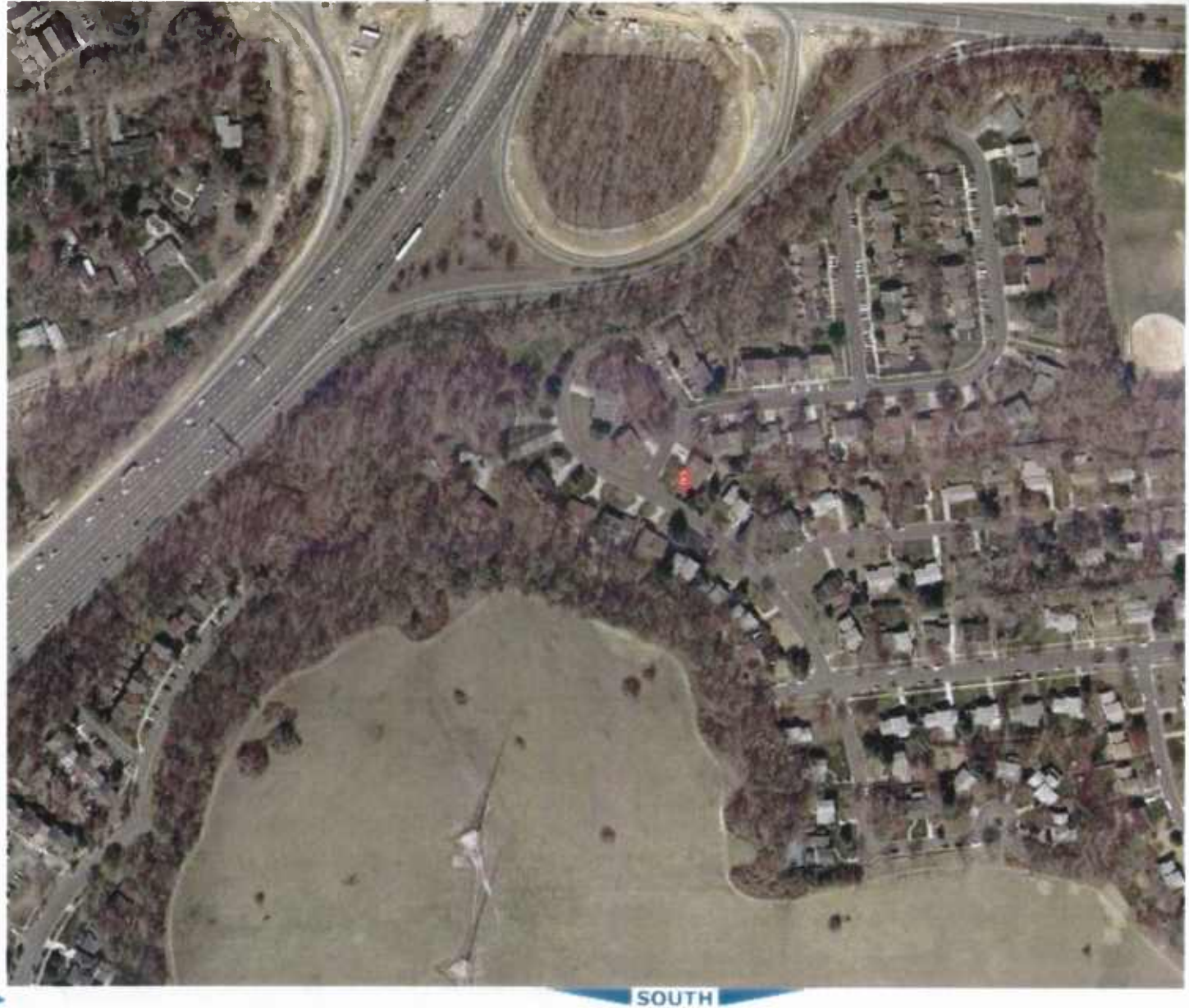


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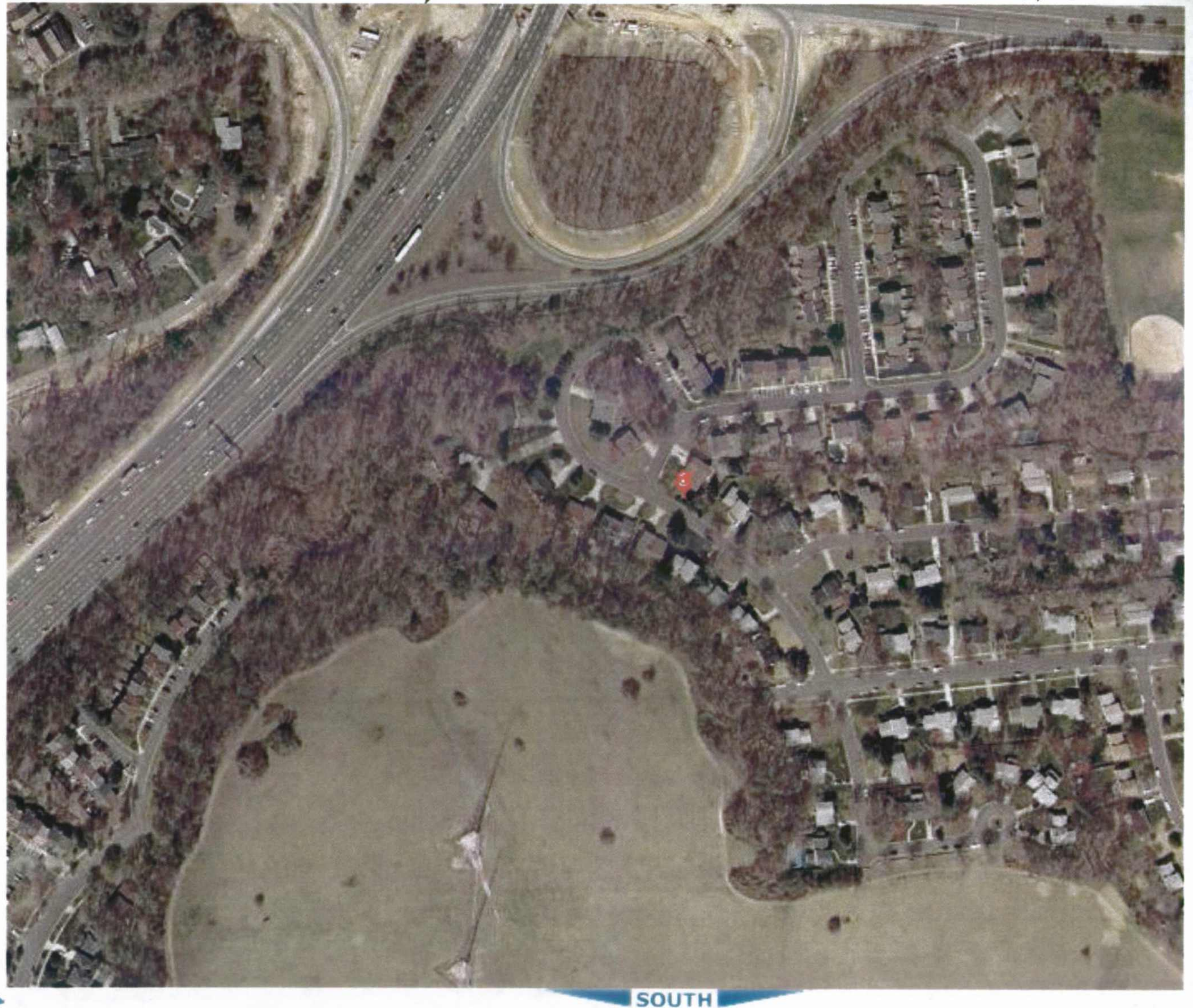


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